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Delight over Thamesteel revival melts amid fears over funding

By Chrissie Daniels

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HOPES of an immediate jobs bonanza after a buyer was found for Thamesteel may be premature following concerns raised over the ability to fund the new-look operation.

Administrators of the failed plant, Mazars, said last week that a new company, Sheerness Steel Ltd, had purchased the site.

It has subsequently transpired it was created by previous owners, the Saudi Arabia-based Al-Tuwairqi Group.

The administrators said: "The sale will mean steel production on the site at Sheerness can recommence with, hopefully, the recreation of a large number of the jobs lost when the company entered administration on January 25, 2012."

But now reports are suggesting Sheerness Steel is looking for investment,

sparking concerns that plans to reopen the steelworks rest on the uncertainty of securing funding in a far from stable financial market.

Ryan Slaughter, from the trade union Community, said its general secretary, Michael Leahy, wrote to Dr Hilal Al-Tuwairqi, head of the Saudi firm, requesting a meeting with a Sheerness Steel representative to discuss the plans.

They have a meeting scheduled on Monday to find out the company's ideas for the structure, production and employment at the Thamesteel plant.

Mr Slaughter said: "It is very early stages and the company would still like investment. Before they start operation there needs to be sufficient resources which they haven't got.

"We are concerned. We want production to start as soon as possible, a lot of

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FUTURE? Hopes have been raised that the Thamesteel site may once again be productive

ACCIDENT

Little Jessica fights for life

FAMILY and friends are praying for the condition of little Jessica Blake after she was left in a critical condition following a fall as she queued for a ride at Chessington World of Adventures. The girl from Sheerness remains in a London hospital while the park has launched an investigation.

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'Bribes' row in our schools

A SHEPPEY school has defended criticism of a controversial incentives programme it uses, which sees students rewarded with points for good behaviour and attendance, which can be saved up and exchanged for goods such as iPods, video games, music and books.

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UTILITIES

After the rain, hose ban ends

THE hosepipe ban has been lifted in parts of Swale - with most of Sittingbourne and Sheppey now able to wash their cars and water their gardens.

However, Faversham and a number of villages, served by another water firm, still have restrictions in place.

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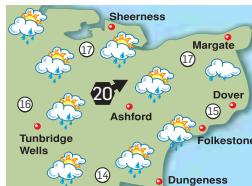
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Weather

TODAY: It will be mostly dry with some light showers and just the small chance of the odd shower. Moderate south-westerly winds. Max temp 15-18C (59-64F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	09.57	5.8	22.12	5.9
Margate	10.56	4.2	23.11	4.2
St Mary's	03.17	4.7	15.43	4.8

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Max 18C	Min 12C
Monday	Max 19C	Min 11C
Tuesday	Max 19C	Min 10C
Wednesday	Max 19C	Min 11C
Thursday	Max 20C	Min 11C
Friday	Max 21C	Min 11C

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THAMESTEEL**'Deep reservations' about promise of steelworks jobs**

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people want jobs."

Up to 400 jobs were lost when Thamesteel folded, devastating the community.

Mr Slaughter added: "We are happy on the position, but concerned about the future and we want reassurances from Saudi Arabia that there will be a legacy of steel making and jobs in Swale."

MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, Gordon Henderson, expressed the same fears and said he "doesn't want to boost people's hopes".

He said: "I am taking it all at face value and giving the company the benefit of the doubt. But I have deep reservations about the way it all happened and the long term intentions of the new company.

"If it reopens obviously it is

very good news – to only employ half the people it used to is very good news.

"But if they haven't got the money it won't open. How can they open it and run it at a profit when they couldn't run it at a profit before? Even with the money it will take five to six months to open."

Mr Henderson said he didn't want to put a dampener on the plans or jeopardise progress,

but he does have concerns over how the deal was made.

He added: "There is little we can do. I said if it was sold back to the same company I want the Government to look at and investigate the process."

He was also concerned the creditors would only get back a small amount of the money they are owed.

He added: "There are all sorts of questions and issues that

need to be addressed. The deal was done by the book but I am not happy with the current system. It can't be right for a company to go into administration then set up a new company which buys it back. There is something not quite right about it all."

Sheerness Steel Ltd were unavailable for comment and Peel Property, the freeholder of the site, declined to comment.

AGRICULTURE**Kent County Show promises rural fun for all the family**

By Chris Murphy

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THE Kent County Show is promising something for everyone, with arena displays, food, prize-winning livestock, a feast of flowers and even the chance to fly with a Spitfire.

Next month's show boasts new additions including Dash 'n' Splash, a long jump competition over water for dogs; a beer and cider festival with local brews and a German-style bierkeller; a 4x4 off-road track; and children's woodland workshops from Kent Wildlife Trust.

The event is at Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, from July 13-15, 8am-6pm, Friday-Sunday. It is organised by the Kent County Agricultural Society, and attracts more than 80,000 visitors to one of the UK's major countryside, farming and produce events.

The range of animals is a major draw and its equine and livestock judging attracts large numbers of entrants and spectators.

Special guests will be Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Caroline Spelman, on Friday; TV presenter Adam Henson will be there on the Saturday; and TV legend John Craven will visit on Sunday.



ANIMAL MAGIC:
Livestock is a big draw at the show

Arena displays include the Bolddog Lings motorcycle display team, an historic vehicle display, the Band of the 24th Invicta Rifles, and parades of bloodhounds and beagles.

Special events include the chance to fly in a helicopter alongside a Spitfire as it takes to the skies over the showground on the Friday.

Another major feature is the Flower

Tent with renowned horticultural exhibitors demonstrating their expert growing and nurturing skills, with displays of roses, fuchsias, succulent, carnivorous plants, shrubs, ferns, and much more.

The agricultural area is home to Why Farming Matters In Kent, which offers information about local produce, careers and training in agriculture. Visitors will be able to see sheep-shearing and cattle, horses and goats.

Tickets can be bought on the website at www.kentshowground.co.uk or by calling 01622 633060.

Kent Showground executive manager Roger Moore said: "With popular attractions returning and new events making their debuts, the Kent County Show has something for everyone. We would urge people to book their tickets as soon as possible and secure their place at Kent's most exciting event of the year."

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ACCIDENT

Family pray for Jessica after terrifying fall at theme park

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A FOUR-year-old girl who fell 14ft while queuing for a theme park ride on a family day out remains in a critical but stable condition.

Jessica Blake, from Sheerness, had been waiting in line for the Tomb Blaster ride at Surrey's Chessington World of Adventures.

But it is believed a fence panel lining the raised queue gave way and Jessica fell.

She was rushed to St George's Hospital in London with a fractured skull, broken ribs and a bleed on her brain. She remains in the paediatric intensive care unit.

The accident took place on Thursday, June 7.

Jessica's school, Halfway Houses Primary, held a special assembly on Tuesday to explain the situation to pupils.

Head teacher Ryan Driver read the poem I Wish I Had a Magic Wand by Joanna Fuchs to the children.

He said: "We reflected about her and sent her lots of love and good wishes.



"All of the teachers and children are thinking of Jessica.

"I have been inundated with class video messages and cards, all saying how much she is being missed and wishing her a speedy recovery."

"My thoughts go out to Jessica and her family who know that we are here for them and will do anything we can to support them."

Ironically, the school had a trip for Year Six pupils planned to the theme park. That has

now been cancelled.

Inspectors from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have been making enquiries at the theme park to try to establish what happened. They are currently appealing for witnesses to the incident.

The theme park is also conducting its own internal investigation.

A statement from Chessington said: "The resort's fully trained medical staff were on site immediately and administered direct care to the child until ambulance teams arrived. She was then taken to hospital in a conscious state.

"We have been in touch with the family, and in line with their wishes will now await further news. Our thoughts and best wishes are with them at this difficult time."

Well-wishers have left messages on Chessington's Facebook page as well as pages on the social networking site set up by friends and family of Jessica, who is also known as JC.

The group 'Prayers for JC...Keep Fighting Sweetheart', has nearly 2,500 members.

The young girl's family have thanked all of those leaving messages of support.

WATER

Heavy rains see hosepipe ban lifted – for some of us

THE hosepipe ban was lifted across Sittingbourne and Sheppey on Thursday – but for many across Swale the restrictions remain in place.

Heavy rain throughout April, May and now June has seen water supplies ease, leading to Southern Water lifting restrictions on water use.

It had, along with all the other water companies covering Kent, introduced a hosepipe ban on April 5 after a second dry winter.

This means all customers supplied by



Southern Water, which covers Sittingbourne and Sheppey now have no restrictions.

However, for all those covered by South East Water – which includes most of the area between Sittingbourne and Faversham – remain unable to use hosepipes.

Water quality and strategy manager at Southern, Meyrick Gough, said: "Our supplies have been topped up by the wet weather and are now in a much stronger position going into the summer than they were when we introduced the restrictions in early April. However, with the underground sources – which supply the vast majority of our customers – still below average for this time of year, we are asking our customers to continue with their efforts to use water wisely and not waste it."

"We have seen a great response from customers and demand has dropped considerably as a result of the wet weather and customers doing their bit and we are very grateful for their continued support."

South East Water said the ban will stay in place until at least the autumn.

Managing director Paul Butler said: "We understand customers could be confused and frustrated as to why some companies are considering lifting restrictions while we have to keep ours in place."

"The fact is the amount of water currently available in our underground reserves simply doesn't support that course of action ahead of what could be much warmer, drier months."

NEWS IN BRIEF

► GPs join protest strike

DOCTORS at Faversham Health Centre will be striking next week as part of the nationwide protests over proposed reforms to pension plans by the Government.

It will join a number of other GP surgeries across Swale, which will be disrupted by the call to action by the British Medical Association.

Doctors will report to work but only treat extreme cases during the strike on Thursday, June 21.

► Appeal after A2 crash

POLICE have renewed an appeal for witnesses after a man from Newington was left with serious leg injuries after a smash on the A2.

The incident took place at 10pm on April 24 at the junction between London Road and Pump Lane in Rainham.

A black Vauxhall Corsa hit a red Honda motorcycle.

Anyone who saw the smash or the vehicles involved prior to the crash should call 101.

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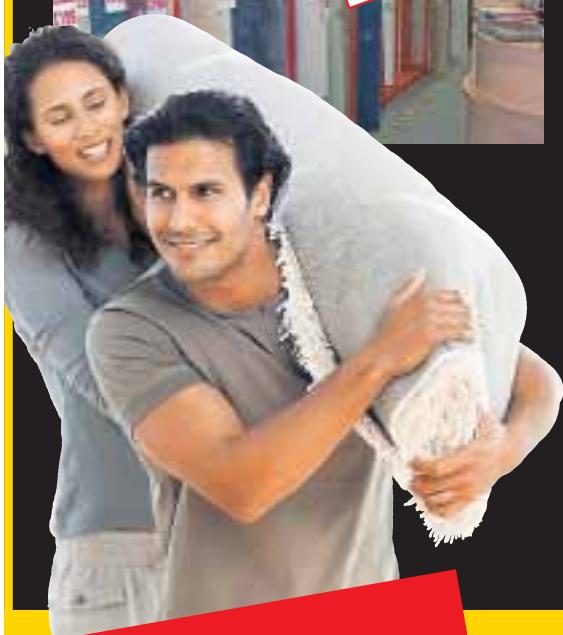


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PM hints at Heathrow U-turn as critics round on estuary proposals

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THE debate over a proposed airport in the Thames Estuary raged on this week with political heavyweights adding to the fight and Prime Minister David Cameron hinting at a controversial U-turn over plans for a third runway at Heathrow.

Former transport secretary Lord Adonis kick-started the latest discussions during an international conference for the Institute of Travel and Tourism, where he branded the estuary airport plan a "non-starter".

The Labour peer said there were numerous problems with the proposal and warned the risk of bird strike could halt the process altogether.

Speaking at the conference in Barbados, he said the outlined cost of £50bn for architect Lord Foster's Isle of Grain plan was likely to double and that it would take a large amount of work to secure such funding.

But he stressed that political parties should get around a table and seriously look at how to deal with the problem of airport capacity.

"They should set up an independent inquiry which would represent political parties and look at all three suggestions of a third runway at Heathrow, expansion at Gatwick and Stansted or the Thames Estuary airport," he said.

Instead, the Government seems to be stalling over when the anticipated aviation review is going ahead.

Last month, this newspaper reported confusion in Whitehall, where neither the Department for Transport nor Kent's MPs knew when the review and consultation – which was initially planned for March but delayed – is to be held. Despite reports it will go ahead next month, the Government is yet to confirm a date and fears are mounting it could be postponed even longer.

With pressure from campaign groups and MPs, however, it is unlikely ministers can delay setting a date for too long.

The contentious aviation issue was raised again this week by MP for Richmond Park and North Kingston, Zac Goldsmith, who threatened to resign should the Tory party support a third runway at Heathrow.

He questioned the Prime Minister in the House of Commons, calling for reassurance there would be no third runway. But Mr Cameron refused to rule out expansion.

The Prime Minister said: "While the Coalit-



tion's position has not changed, we must not be blind to considerations about how we expand airport capacity."

This is likely to give a glimmer of hope to campaigners fearful of plans for an estuary airport. If a third runway is built, a hub in the estuary is unlikely to go ahead.

Closer to home, a battle raged between Kent County Council and MP for Tonbridge and Malling Sir John Stanley.

The veteran Tory said KCC had gone against the party's commitment to oppose expansion at Gatwick.

In its recently launched Bold Steps for Aviation, KCC recommends the Government look at the possibility of a second runway at Gatwick after 2019.

Sir John warned of the "environmentally devastating consequences" and the impact it would have on his west Kent constituents who live under the flight path.

In a letter to Tory leader Paul Carter, he said it was a matter of "deep disquiet and disappointment" and stressed the council should have waited for the outcome of the national review before releasing the document.

The council also came under fire from Kent Green Party for pushing ahead with its discussion document.

Campaigns officer Dr Hazel Dawe said the party was "unimpressed" that KCC had not waited for the results of the Government's consultation on aviation.

"It has launched its own discussion document, Bold Steps for Aviation, with remarkably little

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regard for domestic tourism in Kent and Medway or the environment," she said. "KCC proposes a massive plan of rail expansion to serve airports, when Kent commuters do not have enough carriages for weekday rush hour travel.

"They propose expansion of Lydd and Manston Airports, despite economic problems at both. They support a second runway for Gatwick, despite the noise and pollution implications for west Kent. Their only restraint is in opposing an estuary airport."

NEWS IN BRIEF

► Planting foster plans

VOLUNTEERS were blessed with no rain yesterday as they helped create a special garden area for foster children from Kaleidoscope Therapeutic Child Care in Tunstall.

The project, supported by Lloyds TSB, saw a team create a safe fenced area and seeds sown so children can learn about and grow their own plants and vegetables. It follows a similar project the bank was involved in last year which saw it build a pizza oven and fire pit.

► Gateway's open day

SHEERNESS Gateway will be holding an open day on Monday, giving the public the chance to find out exactly what services are available to them.

The open day runs from 10am to 3pm and will showcase the range of public, voluntary and community services under one roof. Among the services available are those from the local and county councils, as well as information on education courses and free internet access.

► Park verifies arrival

KENT Science Park has welcomed a high-tech laboratory company which specialises in the detection of counterfeit goods.

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Full steam ahead for festival

SITTINGBOURNE & Kemsley Light Railway is gathering up a head of steam since its return to action last month, after unveiling plans for a major event in July.

The Steam and Beer Festival will run from July 7-8 and take passengers from Sittingbourne Viaduct station to the beer festival at Kemsley Down station.

It follows in the footsteps of a successful event in May and also this month's Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

It made up for the huge disappointment of seeing a return after a gap of several years at Easter when asbestos was found alongside the track, forcing the service to be cancelled until the area could be confirmed as safe.

A spokesman for the service said: "The steam and beer event is one of the most popular held at Sittingbourne's steam railway. Steam locomotives Leader and Melior will haul trains from Sittingbourne Viaduct station from

11am until 10pm on Saturday and midday until 5pm on Sunday so passengers can attend the beer festival at Kemsley Down station."

The festival will include live music on Saturday and a host of events for all the family are lined up for the Sunday.

Fares cost £9.50 for adults, £6.50 for those aged 14-17 and children are £4. Milton Regis Halt station will be closed during the event and there will be no access to the railway from Saxon Shore Way.

EDUCATION

Campaigners slam use of 'bribes' in the classroom but academy says it works

By Marijke Cox

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AN INCENTIVE scheme giving pupils the equivalent of cash rewards for good behaviour and attendance – and being used by a school on Sheppey – has been described as “inappropriate”.

The Vivo Miles programme, which allows students to collect points to spend on high street goods – from cinema tickets to iPods – is being run at 24 schools in Kent.

Pupils are awarded points on a reward card for achievements such as good behaviour, attendance, effort and improved grades.

Each ‘mile’ is worth 1p and children can save up their points and buy goods at a variety of shops or from the Vivo online shop.

The scheme is run by private company Vivo Miles and schools pay a membership fee.

But the initiative has come under fire by critics.

John Walder, secretary of the Kent division of the National Union of Teachers (NUT), said: “I see it as perfectly reasonable to incentivise, but I can argue both sides.

“A child does well and it’s good to acknowledge that. But on the other hand, kids should be behaving anyway. Why should we give them the idea that they get something extra for being good?

“If that is what a school feels it should be doing, incentivising the kids, they don’t have to go and spend money on a private company, but should use the gold star system or congratulate a child in assembly, which doesn’t cost money.

“If children behave well and put in good effort that should be acknowledged, but I think spending education money on a private company is inappropriate.”

He added: “If a young person gets a job, they are not going to be given extra praise for getting out of bed in the morning.”

But head of the Isle of Sheppey Academy, David Day, who uses the scheme, said it is part of a whole host of incentives, and since it was introduced to the school in 2010, attendance and attainment has improved.

“We use Vivo as part of a suite of rewards,” he said. “The scheme is popular with students, supported by parents and used alongside other rewards. It’s helping to create a positive ethos.

“We still use verbal praise and the traditional prize giving, but teachers can choose to use Vivo Miles alongside this as they wish.

“For example, a child who gets 100 per cent attendance would be awarded Vivo Miles.

“Attendance has improved and since the academy opened, GCSE results have climbed.”

He said this was not just attributable to Vivo Miles, but that the overall rewards policy at the school helped encourage students.

“It’s good that children can have a tangible reward which they can



CONTROVERSY: The scheme enables pupils to save points towards purchases show their parents,” he added.

Chris McGovern from the Campaign for Real Education, however, said this could create long-term problems.

He said education was the greatest gift and to “bribe” children risked teaching them that education is not valuable in itself.

Managing director of Vivo Miles Adrian Burt defended the scheme and said it had made a real difference to many schools and their students’ motivation and engagement.

“It’s used to target whatever the schools want,” he said.

“It can be used to reward academic attainment, strong attendance – but not just turning up for school.

“A typical school would spend

about £4 per student per year. For a student to have any chance of buying an iPod, for example, they would have to be a top performer in every aspect for four to five years.

“Rewards systems have been in place for years. The annual price of being part of Vivo is actually no more than schools already spend on legacy and ineffective reward systems.

“Vivo typically saves school administrators about two to three days per week of their time and delivers the results the teachers and leaders desire, including enhanced student engagement and success, fairness and transparency in teacher practice, and positive parental communication and involvement.”



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Award blooms for nursery owner for a lifetime devoted to plant life

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A HORTICULTURIST has been given a prestigious award in recognition of his contribution to the plant industry.

Chris Lane, 63, will receive the Veitch Memorial Award from the Royal Horticulturist Society (RHS) on July 2.

He will be given the honour during an awards lunch at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, the day before the show officially begins.

Mr Lane, who owns Witch Hazel Nursery in Sittingbourne, has spent his life working for the horticultural industry in his specialist area of woody plant propagation – the reproduction of plants through cells, tissues or organs.

His interest stems from his fruit farming father, who inspired him to train in nursery stock production at Hadlow College.

After moving on to work at an Ashford nursery, Mr Lane returned to the college as a lecturer for 20



WIN: Chris Lane will pick up award as RHS Hampton Court Flower Show

years. He ran Witch Hazel Nursery, growing and selling trees and shrubs, part time, before taking on the job full time six years ago.

Mr Lane, of Newington, learnt of his award two months ago, but had to keep quiet until the official announcement last week.

Speaking to YourSwale this week he said: "I didn't know I was nominated until I received the letter saying I had won the award. I always thought it would be nice to get

something one day. I am really excited and really pleased."

Friends and colleagues nominated him for his extensive horticultural work.

Mr Lane has been heavily involved in the International Plant Propagators' Society and was president of Great Britain and Ireland in 1991, then international president in 1995. He remains a member and is due to speak at a conference later this year.

He also wrote a book in 1995 – a RHS guide to witch hazels – and plans to write another "when time allows".

The green-fingered award-winner owns two national collections – wisteria and witch hazel – as part of charity Plant Heritage's National Plant Collection scheme, which preserves plants for the future. He has also been on the RHS Woody Plant committee since the 1980s.

Mr Lane will be attending the awards ceremony with his wife Diane and children Samantha, 34, and Tracey, 31.

Elizabeth Banks, RHS president said: "These are special people and their contribution to horticulture has been outstanding. Their work has been wide-ranging and impacts on most aspects of gardening and is an inspiration to everyone."

The four other recipients of the Veitch Memorial Award are: Professor John Elliott from Singapore; Susyn Andrews from Richmond, Surrey; Hugh McAllister from Cheshire and Beverley McConnell from New Zealand.

NEWS IN BRIEF

→ Lifeboat to the rescue

SHEERNESS lifeboat helped rescue a stricken boat after it ran aground last Saturday.

The crew of the inshore lifeboat was launched just before midnight after an emergency call was received from the coastguard.

It went to the aid of a 14ft craft which had run aground with a fouled propeller near Rochester Bridge. There were three people onboard. Crews arrived on the scene and successfully managed to refloat the craft before towing it to a marina.

→ Don't take food risks

COUNCIL chiefs are encouraging shoppers to stop taking risks with food safety in an attempt to save money.

Swale Borough Council has teamed up with the Food Standards Agency to support Food Safety Week. It wants to highlight the risk posed of ignoring 'use by' dates or keeping leftovers for longer than the recommended limit of two days in the fridge. There are fears by doing so consumers risk food poisoning.

→ Village hall race is on

THE hunt is on to find the county's Village Hall of the Year, with organisers Action With Communities in Rural Kent warning the June 29 closing date is just around the corner.

Judges are not looking to reward the newest or best equipped hall, but one which demonstrates the best approach to working with its community and is well managed. Visit www.ruralkent.org.uk for details on how to enter.

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EDUCATION

BENCH MARKS RECYCLING

SCHOOL children saw their recycling skills put to good use after their collection of plastic milk containers meant they were rewarded with a colourful new bench made entirely from recycled bottles.

Youngsters received the gift ahead of next week's national Recycle Week.

It came as part of a project backed by housebuilder Ward Homes which, through an education programme it promotes, saw children taught about recycling and the many benefits it can bring.

Working with Powerday, the waste and recycling facilities provider at Kingsferry Place,

Ward Homes organised for a plastic collection container to be delivered to the school for a week. Once the week was up, the container was taken away and replaced by a brightly coloured bench made from 572 plastic milk bottles.

Headteacher Caroline Mariner said: "The pupils really enjoyed taking part in the project and it was a great way to get them excited about recycling.

"We'd like to thank Ward Homes for organising the project and especially for the brightly coloured bench; it really has been a key attraction for the children at play time, as well as giving them a sense of achievement

knowing that they contributed to creating it."

Mark Vanson, sales director for Ward Homes, added: "We try to recycle as much as we can at Kingsferry Place and we appreciate that sustainability is an extremely important issue.

"We can all do our bit to help, and this project was a fun and interesting way to teach young people about recycling.

"I hope the children took something away from the project and with any luck they will continue the good work in the future."

Visit www.recyclenow.com/recycle_week/ for more information about Recycle Week and your nearest recycling facility.



AWARDS

Young snapper scoops top prize

BUDDING photographer Simon Martin has won a top prize at the inaugural Times Eureka Young Photographer Awards.

At a special ceremony held in London last week, the former Fulston Manor student picked up top prize in the Single Image section.

The awards are designed to inspire young photographers to create original photography and film to make science, technology and the environment come alive.

After leaving school Mr Martin attended Canterbury College and is now studying photography at Middlesex University.

HIGHWAYS

Extra £6m to be spent on roads as KCC beats budget cut target

By Marijke Cox

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MILLIONS of pounds saved through cutbacks at County Hall will be invested in protecting roads following the prolonged spell of wet weather.

Highways chiefs at Kent County Council said the authority had to protect roads, particularly after the significant investment made to fix potholes caused by the big freeze in 2010.

It was agreed that £6 million would be added to the rolling budget reserve for highways from a forecast £16.2m under-spend – excluding schools spending – at the council, which is being saved as part of a four-year plan to save more than £300m.

"We've done excellent work with highways and if we don't consolidate that and this rotten weather continues, it could undermine all the

work we've done," said cabinet member for finance, Cllr John Simmonds. "We know that over the next two or three years we are going to have to manage on less money."

"It is absolutely important that we continue to be prudent. This isn't a spending spree, it's so we don't end up spending unnecessary money on potholes."

Members agreed that due to the prolonged spell of rain, the £6m should be put aside for roads to stop a backlog of maintenance work.

Cabinet member for highways Cllr Bryan Sweetland said it was pleasing more money was being invested in the network.

"Here in Kent we have 5,000 miles of roads and 7,000 of pavements and footways – that's a huge asset we need to keep on top of," he said. "Last year we secured a £6.2m grant from government partly to repair potholes, which was done successfully."

"The remainder, about half, was used for resurfacing and this extra £6m will be too, not for potholes, but for proper resurfacing, new road surfaces and to look at some pavements that we've got to bring up to standard."

"We would need many times that amount to look at all of Kent's roads, but I think this is a good use of money and is welcomed."

Some £2m of the predicted under-spend is also to be set aside for investment in technology and communications to improve communication with the public.

A business plan is due to be drawn up and, if successful, the funds will be used to implement the proposals. Early indications suggest that in the long term improved communications could save the authority as much as £20m.

Commenting on the under-spend and finance update, leader of KCC Cllr Paul Carter said: "The finance team has done extraordinarily well."

"There were a lot of sceptics at the beginning of the financial year who said our budget was undeliverable and that we wouldn't deliver it in line with expectations, but we've done that and a little more."

In an update on the council's finances it was revealed that so far 1,196 posts have been cut from the 1,500 anticipated over the four years.

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RETAIL

Forum creates Father's Day fun for youngsters with cards and crafts

By Chrissie Daniels

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CHILDREN will be getting covered in paint, glitter and sequins tomorrow at a town centre shopping complex – all to make the perfect Father's Day card.

The Forum in Sittingbourne is hosting an Arty Party workshop and inviting children of all ages to join in the fun.

The event will take place on Saturday, June 16, between 11am and 4pm on the shop floor outside the Purple Peach.

Children will be given all the materials they need to make this Father's Day one to remember.

They will then take their cards home to surprise their dads the following day.

A spokeswoman for the shopping centre said: "The Arty Party workshop is a fan-



tastic opportunity for youngsters of all ages to come along and indulge their creativity to create cards and crafts that every special dad deserves on Father's Day.

"The children will be given

the opportunity to create magnificent crafts and cards using materials ranging from glitter and feathers to paints and sequins."

The Forum has previously hosted a Sittingbourne Dad of the Year competition as well as the Arty Party workshop.

Organisers are expecting a good turnout to this year's event, as mothers and children hit the shops to buy last minute gifts for Father's Day.

Colin Bell, centre manager at The Forum said: "Father's Day is all about making dads feel special. The Arty Party workshop is a great opportunity for youngsters to get creative and show their dad how much they mean to them through personalised crafts and cards."

"We have held this workshop at the centre in the past and it has proved to be hugely successful over the years."

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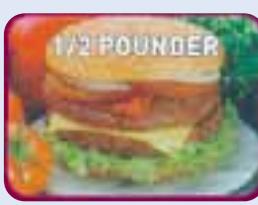
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The evening will climax with a stunning finale of all the traditional Last Night of the Proms flag-waving favourites for the audience to join in with, including the 1812 Overture, Land of Hope and Glory, and Rule Britannia with Thomas Arne's stirring music.

The special guests are operatic quartet Amore, who recently serenaded Britain during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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This year's Castle Concerts line-up also includes Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra on Wednesday, July 18, with special guest Roland Gift; newly reformed pop phenomenon Steps on



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MP opens pickle firm's new centre

By James Benjamin

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FAMILY food company Opies has opened its new innovation and technology centre at its site in Chalkwell Road.

The firm, which produces treats such as pickled walnuts, cocktail cherries and a range of pickles, has been based in the town since 1880.

And last week MP Gordon Henderson cut the ribbon on what will now become the hub of its product development process.

Opies has invested more than £100,000 in the project, ensuring the new facility has the technology in place to create a diverse range of its products going into the future.

The various stages of product testing and development will now take place at the centre and, by concentrating all these on one site, Opies hopes to expand their products even further.

The firm's business boasts a £19m turnover with its products exported around the world.

William Opie, managing director of Opies, said: "This year alone, we have already developed a new barbecue sauce range and are also

planning a further product launch for the autumn. By investing in our own innovation and technical centre we hope this continues for another 130 years."

Conservative MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey Gordon Henderson added: "It's fantastic to see a local company expanding in the current economic climate.

"I was delighted to be asked to open Opies' in-



OPEN: Gordon Henderson cuts the ribbon at Opies innovation and technical centre and look forward to sampling the many products that will be created here."

HEALTH

Helping you to deal with dementia care

FRIENDS and relatives of people with dementia in and around Faversham have a new drop-in support network getting under way next week.

Taking place on the third Tuesday of every month from 6-7.30pm, the session begins on June 19 at Care UK's Kingsfield care home in Jubilee Way.

Each month there will be a guest speaker. Getting the first session under way will be community psychiatric nurse Tracy Beeney.

Organiser Theresa Dark said: "Some of our residents' relatives had pointed out that support groups and events for people caring for loved ones with dementia are held during the day and, due to work commitments, they miss out.

"These sessions are designed to provide practical ideas for helping a loved one with dementia, as well as providing a friendly network where everyone understands the emotional and practical issues.

"The sessions will also provide a one-stop shop, with a vast array of information from many specialist organisations so that carers, who may be tired and busy, can easily pick up essential and practical information."

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OPINION

It's down to the best of three

Cllr Bryan Sweetland runs the rule over the three candidates vying to represent the Tories in the race to be Police and Crime Commissioner

NOW that the list of hopefuls to be the Conservative candidate for the job of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has been reduced to three, one has to wonder why all Conservative Party members in Kent were not asked for their opinion from the start.

You could argue that a better way to select our candidate, whilst simultaneously engaging and galvanising our supporters, would have been to offer each paid-up member one vote.

Despite this, we are where we are and if our supporters are able or prepared to travel to Rochester or Canterbury this weekend, they will be able to see the final three candidates perform.

The candidates can expect to answer questions on policing and crime, their reasons for standing and for how long have

they been a member of the Conservative Party.

As Mark Reckless MP so descriptively explained on his website, we have Craig Mackinley, a finance whizz who is a local Medway councillor and an ex-UKIP leader; Francois Gordon, who is a Foreign Office man and ex-British Ambassador; and Jan Berry who ran the Police Federation the police equivalent of a trade union.

She has recently joined the Conservative Party after announcing that she was to stand as an independent.

The task for Conservative members is now to pick one of these three.

A difficult task as all could do the job, with varying degrees of competence, skill, and effectiveness.

The police, if they had a say (but they don't) would probably prefer Francois Gordon, a

steady, reliable and safe pair of hands.

Medway Conservatives will no doubt vote for their own man Cllr Craig Mackinley, a member of the Kent Police Authority (an organisation he is hoping to replace as the Police and Crime Commissioner).

Kent's parliamentarians, with the exception of the three that attended the first selection meeting, seem to be showing little interest in this radical piece of Government policy.

At the initial selection meeting, the local party chairman and deputies were invited to cast three votes each.

Surprisingly, association members will also be given three votes to cast in order of preference, which sounds very Lib Dem.

Whatever happened to first past the post?

We are fortunate to have

three very good candidates, I particularly like Gordon Francois's commitment to strip out the over-dependence on performance targets and the excessive supervision of the police put in place by the previous Labour government.

He also recognises the bureaucratic load on the police must be lightened and he makes the point for more neighbourhood police on our streets, a pledge that the electorate will welcome.

I believe Francois Gordon will do a professional job but more importantly will allow the police to do theirs. However, I will make my mind up after listening to all three potential candidates this weekend. Good luck to them all.

The voting system in place may surprise us all!

Cllr Bryan Sweetland is deputy chairman of Gravesham Conservatives.



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It is a difficult task as all three could do the job

KOS COMMENT

Sewage leak must not stain isle's reputation

ASIDE from a giant, man-eating shark called Jaws, it's every seaside resorts' worst nightmare – raw sewage being pumped into the sea.

And for the Isle of Thanet, which is dependant on summer trade brought in by its picturesque bays, the horror seemed to only get worse, with council chiefs forced to close the beaches for nine days.

The only lucky thing in this whole sorry mess is that Bank Holiday, in keeping with tradition, was a washout and visitor numbers would have been down.

It's quite right that someone needs to be held accountable, not only was this dangerous to people's health, there's the lingering threat of a stain on the isle's reputation.

Time to switch over

IT MAY have been drummed into us all for months that we must remember to re-tune our TVs for the digital switchover, but no doubt some will have forgotten.

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Say no to same sex marriage

AN open letter to David Cameron: The Church and State must not divorce. I cannot believe what is happening in this once great Britain.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Catholic Church, and the likewise feeling millions are all correct in their assertions. You wish us all to believe you value your meeting with the Queen. I have every confidence her counsel would be in agreement. Marriage is simply one man and one woman, nothing else.

It is not too late. Changing your mind, or renegeing on a commitment is not new to you – but you must act now.

Ian R Elliott, Whitstable

Coast opening is good news

I was pleased to see the news

that sections of the East Kent/East Sussex coast will finally be open to the public by 2015.

We have some of the most beautiful coastline in the British Isles and it is such a shame we can't always enjoy it as we should be able to. All credit should go to Kent Ramblers Association and Natural England for this victory. I look forward to the opportunity to experience and enjoy the route.

Gary Fuller
Shepway Liberal Democrats

Where were our parties?

WHILE most of the UK celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with countless street parties, where were the ones in Sittingbourne?

In Milton we have a good recreation park that would have been an ideal site to host an event, yet none was seen.

We elect councillors to carry out business on our behalf and

these councillors have access to funds which could be used for such an event. Why did they not take advantage of this celebration to inject some much-needed community spirit into the area? Most residents, including me, do not have the finance or backing to organise such an event.

Also what about the area of apparent dereliction north of Sittingbourne's main station? Are our councillors lazy, just waiting for someone else to come up with some money, or are they totally incompetent?

We have been hearing about the Tesco project for the last million years – well it seems like that – and still no action. Is this ever going to happen? I very much doubt it.

Now the councillors have wrangled themselves to stay in power for four-year stints, rather than an election every year, it looks as if we will have to wait another three years to pass our opinion on these incompetent councillors.

If residents want councillors

to do work then they should either: a) Vote Loony, b) Stand themselves, c) Bring back John Burke and Elvie Lowe.

**Sheikh Mihand (a.k.a.
Jackie Davidson)
Sittingbourne Loonies**

Hypocrisy of animal lovers

IT is often said Britain is a nation of animal lovers but reality does not bear this out.

We own animals, we use them, we exploit them, we eat them but does that add up to love? Sanctuaries are filled with horses, cats, dogs, birds and reptiles – all 'loved' until the novelty wore off.

Investigations consistently find appalling conditions on farms and routine illegal abuse inside UK slaughterhouses.

We still send live animals by sea to be killed in other countries. We still permit the breeding of millions of pheasants in battery-style cages merely to be shot from

the sky for pleasure. We cull any animal or bird perceived to be a nuisance and there is still support, albeit diminishing, for events that routinely kill animals, most notably the Grand National.

To truly be a nation of animal lovers, all of this should be addressed.

**Kate Fowler
Animal Aid, Tonbridge**

No Estuary Airport Airport will be a good thing

REGARDING your piece on this new estuary airport, with Foster planning it the results should be good.

Thousands of jobs created would be good for the area. With the airport being able to operate 24 hours a day it would take a lot of noise away from around Heathrow.

We should support this and not bury our heads in the

sand. Let's get this country moving again.

DS Fox, Maidstone

Of course there will be local jobs

I think last week's contributor letter alleging there would be no jobs created for local people was insulting to the hard working people of Medway.

Apart from the initial construction, there would be thousands of opportunities of employment, not all of which would be skilled.

At any busy international airport there are vast numbers of staff required such as baggage handlers, cleaners, check-in staff and retail outlets, and I expect even a man flying a bird of prey to keep the birds off.

House prices would double and the whole of Medway would boom. The proposed site has been used for industrial use in the past, ranging from cement works to explosive factories.

I am always amused when people talk about concreting over the countryside when they probably live in a house on the very countryside they now want to protect.

K Smith, Rainham

Hub would be a catastrophe

I feel compelled to register my opposition to the proposed airport. The idea is wrong on every level and will catastrophically effect the area.

Those who champion the scheme don't live in or near the area, they don't give a hoot about the area and so will not be adversely affected. They are interested only in having their names associated with a mammoth project.

Local infrastructure cannot cope and the changes needed to address the resulting problem will cost millions we don't have.

I can only assume they have not heard there is a double dip recession at the moment.

Please urge them to get their heads out of the sand and think before they engage in a plan that is doomed to failure.

It cannot be allowed to go ahead. There are other options which the planners simply don't want to consider.

This area is far too precious to be buried in concrete.

Maureen Woods, by email

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Liability risk for debt on a joint bank account

Q My daughter shared a flat with a friend at university. They each paid into a special bank account for rent and other expenses. The friend should have closed the account when my daughter left, but it appears she carried on using it and ran up an overdraft of several hundred pounds before disappearing. Can the bank make my daughter pay?

A The paperwork you sent me shows that your daughter and her friend had a joint account. Each was individually liable if the account went overdrawn, even if the other signatory was to blame. Legally, I am afraid your daughter can be made to pay, though in circumstances like this I have seen the bank accept a smaller sum in settlement, or payment over a long period.

Q I have received a text message on my phone, saying: "Records passed to us show you are entitled to a refund of approximately £2,560 in compensation from mis-selling of PPI on your credit card or loan." I am asked to reply for more information or to stop future messages. Is this a scam?

A The message will have come from a claims management company, or from a sales firm representing one. It could be a scam, to persuade you to send an upfront fee in the hope of getting thousands of pounds, only to find later that the firm has disappeared with your cash. But it is more likely that this is an attempt to squeeze money out of your bank.

Since you have no idea who sent the message, ask yourself how they know you ever had payment protection insurance (PPI), how they know it was mis-sold to you, and how they got their hands on your credit records.

The fact is that whoever texted you knows none of these things. Identical texts will have been sent to thousands of people. If anyone does respond, the claims firm will file a demand with their bank, alleging PPI mis-selling. Since it costs banks hundreds of pounds to defend such allegations, the claims firm hopes the bank will make an offer, just to avoid legal costs, even if the claim is unjustified.

Q I have had an unsolicited telephone call, suggesting I invest in bonds issued by Forward Telecoms, with a yield of 7-9 per cent based on investing for between one and three years. If the company is successful there will also be a free share issue. I am told the company is Swedish, and in the current climate the yields look attractive, but this seems too good to be true.

A According to its website, Forward Telecoms is a major business in Sweden, but things just don't add up. The website is

TONY HETHERINGTON
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marked as copyright from 2004 to 2011, but inquiries show the site was registered only in February last year, and will expire in February next year. It is an odd company that registers its name for only two years.

On top of this, the site is registered to addresses in Lisbon and New York rather than, say, Stockholm. Forward Telecoms may well be able to explain all this, so let's give it the benefit of the doubt. But however respectable it might be, do not buy its bonds.

Never invest in anything offered in an unsolicited call from a firm you do not already know.

Q When my 83-year-old husband was a boy, his father took out a policy for him with the Preston Shelley Friendly Society. In 2004, my husband received a letter asking whether he wanted to encash his policy. We eventually replied to the company in Manchester last year, asking for the proceeds, but the letter was returned. Can you help?

A The Preston Shelley was a very old savings and life company. Its policies are now administered by the Scottish Friendly Assurance Society, whose headquarters are at 16 Blythswood Square, Glasgow G2 4HJ.

Q I have just received my income tax PAYE coding for 2012-13. This says I am entitled to the married couple's allowance, which is worth £770.50, represented by a tax allowance of £7,705. Last year, though, the same phrase turned £729.50 into £3,648. Have the allowances changed or has something gone wrong?

A The married allowance has changed, but there is also a bit of a puzzle. The allowance you get is for people born before April 6, 1935, and it is at a fixed rate of 10 per cent. So £7,705 in tax allowances is worth £770.50 in cash. Last year the allowance was £7,295, worth £729.50 in cash.

Why you received a tax allowance of £3,648 – just half of the normal £7,295 – is the puzzle, and only your tax office can explain why it cut the usual allowance in two.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Be prepared to enjoy a worry-free festival

Lounge on the Farm, Hop Farm... it's festival time. But make sure you're prepared before setting out for a weekend of fun, says **ADAM AIKEN**

THE music festival season has arrived, with hundreds of thousands of fans preparing to travel to gigs, both here and across Europe.

But whether it's you getting ready to let your hair down or you are helping your children prepare for a festival, it's worth taking some time to make sure you are properly insured, to sort out a budget and – if you are heading to the Continent – to do a bit of extra homework.

Insure your possessions

Festivals can offer easy pickings for criminals looking to help themselves, especially if you are camping.

Aviva, the insurer, has calculated that the average value of possessions taken by festival-goers is more than £900. This might sound a lot at first glance, but when you take into account the proliferation of smartphones, MP3 players and digital cameras, and add the value of essentials such as tents, camping gear and clothes, things soon add up.

Although the odds are that you will not become a victim of crime, those who are targeted could find themselves substantially out of pocket if they do not have adequate insurance cover.

"Festivals are a brilliant staple of the summer calendar and it's obviously a chance for people to enjoy their favourite bands in the Sun (or rain) with their friends," said Jonathan Cracknell, household underwriter at Aviva. "But like any event with crowds all carrying expensive gear, there is a risk of crime, and our research shows it is definitely worth being aware of security as you are of the line-up."

He added: "Tents appear to be the main target for thieves, so don't leave them crammed full of all your favourite electronic gadgets when you pop out for breakfast."

It is important to remember that having adequate insurance does not mean you do not have a responsibility to look after your things.

For example, if you leave your possessions on display in a tent and they are pinched, an insurer could argue the theft was due to your failure to take reasonable care.

Are you covered already?

Some home insurance policies include cover for possessions away from the home, but it is important you check this before setting off.



BEWARE: Tents on a festival ground are an easy target for thieves

The personal belongings section of a home insurance policy usually covers everyone who lives permanently at home, so if the policy is in your name but your teenagers are the ones heading off, they might be covered automatically.

"Most home contents insurance policies can offer a degree of cover for your belongings when you're away from your home," said Jeremy Cryer, head of travel at Gocompare.com.

"This can be part of your standard cover or an optional add-on, so check your policy wording to see what protection you may benefit from."

If you do not already have "away from home" cover on your policy, you might need to pay an extra premium to upgrade your cover, and you might also be stung with an administration charge for changing it mid-term.

If you simply want to insure your gadgets, standalone cover for your smartphone or tablet might be a better option. But Mr Cryer said that, as a rule of thumb, buying standalone gadget insurance directly from your phone or network provider was an expensive way of doing it.

How much cash to take?

A music festival might last for only a few days, but it can be expensive.

A round of drinks can make serious inroads into your funds, and the cost of T-shirts, souvenirs and other bits and pieces can quickly add up.

"One key tip is to work out what you want to spend before you go," said Steve Rees, managing director of debt consultant Vincent Bond & Co.

"There will be tempting items all over the place, so setting yourself a budget in advance will help you keep out of your overdraft."

It will be cheaper to withdraw your

money before you get to the festival site, because once you are there you will probably be charged a fee for each cash-machine withdrawal.

But you need to weigh this against the dangers of carrying too much cash with you – you might be more comfortable paying a little bit extra in return for being able to make some withdrawals. Even then, it makes sense to do some basic planning.

"It is normal for festival ATMs to charge about £1.25 per transaction, no matter what you withdraw," said Mr Rees. Don't make too many small withdrawals, in other words.

Heading overseas?

The cancellation of this year's Glastonbury festival led Abta – the travel operators' umbrella group – to say it expected more music lovers to look to continental Europe for their festival fixes. If you fall into this category, you need to add medical insurance to your list.

"If you're travelling to a festival abroad, you don't need to have a serious accident or illness to run up a sizeable medical bill, so make sure you're adequately protected by a suitable travel insurance policy," said Mr Cryer, at Gocompare.

At the very least, take your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) if you have one. In any country within the European Economic Area, this entitles you to the state medical care available to that country's citizens.

But this is no substitute for proper travel insurance. For starters, bear in mind that the level of care varies from country to country – an EHIC does not guarantee a standard of treatment equal to that provided in the UK, and few countries pay the full cost of medical treatment in the way the NHS does.

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Sales and jobs boost creates optimism on our high streets

By Nick Ames

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AFTER several years of gloomy forecasts about the future, the traditional high street could be on the way back, according to the latest survey.

According to the Confederation of British Industry, for the first time since February 2003 more stores are recruiting staff than shedding jobs.

Its Distributive Trades Survey indicates that 37 per cent of retailers said they would be employing more workers in the near future, whereas 25 per cent said they may be looking to cut back.

And to back up the brighter prospects for our town and city centres, the Brit-



ish Retail Consortium has stated that employment in the sector has risen for the last two quarters and consumer spending is up on last year, with high

hopes for further improvements ahead.

Shoppers in two Kent towns said they had noted an increase in footfall.

"I come into Ashford most Friday afternoons," said Christine Collins. "And it has been noticeable over recent weeks there are more shoppers out and about. Also it's more difficult to find space in the car park, which I didn't at the time realise was possibly a good thing."

"But looked at from that angle it does indicate more people are coming to spend their cash – so that's got to be positive for stores."

In Canterbury city centre, shoppers said they felt the summer had brought more people to the shops.

"It's going to be a celebratory few months. We've had the Jubilee, now it's the football [Euro 2012] and then the Olympics," said Michael Austen. "Even if it's only an increase in beer and wine sales, that's still good for business."

Many pubs and cafés in Kent reported an increase in sales, especially during last month's fine weather.

Overall, retail sales figures were reported to be up 3.4 per cent against the same period last year.

Stephen Robertson, director general of the British Retail Consortium, said: "As the relentlessly difficult underlying

conditions continue to make trading tough for retailers, any temporary boost is of even greater importance and retailers had reason to celebrate the eventual arrival of summer at the end of May.

"Much of the month's positive performance can be attributed to spending in the final week, when consumers responded enthusiastically to the sun coming out.

"It's likely the prolonged wet period helped create pent-up demand and people also felt more relaxed about their spending as the sun created a feelgood boost. Small numbers of customers buying jeans and knitwear in the first weeks of May became many more people purchasing skirts, shorts and swimwear by the end of the month.

"Womenswear had its best growth this year, while garden centres enjoyed a boom in the number of people investing in new lawnmowers to tackle overgrown grass.

"The performance of food retailers was more consistent across the month, but again there was a marked change in the type of products customers were buying. Retailers will be hoping the boost continues, sustained by this summer's celebrations and sporting events."

The CBI has also reported that sales volumes rose in May – a finding that surprised its economic-performance analysts.

A total of 43 per cent of retailers recorded an increase in sales volumes, with 213 per cent registering a fall.

These results are the best for 2012 but are still set against a backdrop of uncertainty in retail, with online sales of goods continuing to grow and out-of-town shopping centres taking customers away from the traditional high street.

OUTLET CENTRE CELEBRATES SURGE IN INTEREST

McARTHUR Glen's Ashford Designer Outlet has reported a UK year-on-year increase in sales and footfall for April of 18 per cent and 17.6 per cent respectively.

The outlet, which has discounted brands including Guess, Ted Baker and Kurt Geiger, said the figures reinforced the trend that shoppers were looking for new ways to stretch their pound.

David Maddison, centre manager, said: "With more than 80 designer and premium high-street brands, we are in a strong position to capitalise on the growing number of shoppers looking to buy their favourite brands for up to 60 per cent less.



"Sales for designer collections alone increased by 50.4 per cent year on year, evidence that shoppers are wanting more out of their fashion pound, making more purposeful purchases by buying quality pieces."

Nick Bubb, retail analyst at corporate financier Arden Partners, said: "The two strongest trends in retailing at the moment are the strength of the luxury sector and, on the other hand, the strength of the value sector. "Designer outlets are an attractive combination of both trends, providing the brands consumers want as they make great savings at the same time."

Hornby turns a profit from a range of hobbies

THANET-BASED hobby company Hornby has reported a positive set of results for the financial year, which ended in March.

The group reported its turnover as being up 1.7 per cent to £64.4m. The equivalent figure for 2011 was £63.4m.

Underlying profit before tax was £4.5m (2011: £4.4m), with the strongest performances reported in overseas sales.

However, the owner of Corgi cars and Airfix said its sales of London 2012 merchandise were growing strongly.



THE RIGHT TRACK: Hornby is benefiting from London 2012

There was success with the Moshi Monsters range of pin badges and die-cast vehicles

and Star Wars Scalextric, which was launched this year.

Among the other popular ranges were train sets and model kits of British Army vehicles.

Frank Martin, CEO, said: "Despite the backdrop of a challenging market, Hornby is making encouraging progress.

"Our ability to broaden our product and distribution base will enable us to mitigate to some extent any short-term weakness in our traditional hobby sectors.

"We are pleased that sales

of our London 2012 merchandise are gathering momentum.

"We expect this unique licence opportunity to contribute positively to profits in the short term and, through the increased distribution that we gain as a result of our involvement with London 2012, to provide an ongoing legacy benefit in substantially increasing our presence in mass-market retail outlets.

"In order to benefit from this increased presence following London 2012 we have

developed a number of new ranges, with entry-level price points ranging from £2 to £9.99. The first of these ranges is a series of collectable pinbadges based on the Moshi Monsters licence.

"There is no doubt that there will continue to be pressure on consumer confidence for some time to come.

"However, we continue to innovate and to seek new commercial opportunities in order to counter the effects of the macro-economic climate in which we are operating."

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It's no secret that former Army base has new role

By Nick Ames

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THE modernisation of historic Repton Manor is the latest business development to take place in Ashford.

The brainchild of developer Steve Ripley, it is a series of offices housed in what used to be the headquarters of the Intelligence Corps of the British Army.

Many of the actions and decisions taken and planned inside its rooms are still on the Top Secret list – but now accountants, web-designers, estate agents and roof-builders have taken the place of generals, colonels and brigadiers.

The building itself was a family home before being taken over by the military. It formed part of the Templar Barracks complex, which housed the intelligence arm of the British Army during the 1970s and 1980s.

Brigadier David Reece was based at the corps headquarters and attended the opening of the grand building.

"Initially we were going to use it as an officers' mess, but it was too small," he said. "But it was discreetly situated so made an ideal place for planning sensitive operations.

"I am very proud of what we achieved here and among our

Picture: PAUL JERREAT



IT'S THEIR MANOR: The team at the opening. From left, Steve Ripley, Rebecca Bish, John Ripley and Don Murrell

achievements is that we left the building intact for future use."

Ripley says he remembers the Army base as being a part of the town in which he grew up, so when the building became available he felt the urge to restore it and bring it back to the forefront of the town.

Working alongside his brother John, Don Murrell and Rebecca Bish as fellow developers, the team spent £20,000 on obtaining the building and a further £500,000 on restoration work.

Now the suites are all occupied, with accountants taking over the ground floor and a satellite-navigation company, estate agents, roof-builders and web-designers upstairs.

Ripley said: "As a development project we thought wouldn't it be great to restore a heritage building and enable it to become a place where people could work.

"All the businesses have started to network among one another, so we hope we have created a new

centre and focus for businesses in Ashford. It was always the intention to give something to the town we all grew up in."

The developers now intend to put on displays of military history and to forge links with nearby schools.

Bob Davidson, Mayor of Ashford, was at the opening event.

"This is fantastic for Ashford," he said. "The development has attracted top-quality firms by offering affordable rent and rates for prestigious surroundings."

New lease of life for SeaFrance as train firm joins with workers' group

EUROTUNNEL has bought three ships from the defunct SeaFrance company and is set to break into the highly-competitive cross-Channel ferry business.

The Berlioz, The Rodin and The Nord Pas-de-Calais are all set to be sailing the Dover-Calais route by the end of this summer following the £60 million deal, approved by the Paris Commercial Court on Monday.

The company will manage the vessels and lease them for operations to a new business to be named Eurotransmanche.

SeaFrance, after a history of problems with its workforce and a number of large-scale bailouts from the French government, went into administration on January 9, 2012.

The new business is expected to create 500 jobs in France and 100 in Kent.

Eurotransmanche has been formed from former SeaFrance employees who will use their redundancy money to finance the running of the company under a deal put into place by unions and the French government.

"Our plan is to manage the ships and leave the independent operation to run them," said a Eurotunnel spokesman. "The workers' co-operative will run the ships and this consists of ex-employees of SeaFrance."

Prior to its eventual folding, the French ferry operator, part of the national railway-operator



SNCF, had experienced problems with militant unions, some of whose members had Communist Party affiliations.

However, Eurotunnel does not see this as an obstacle.

"Back then the company was in the public sector and had a public-sector union," said the spokesman.

"These workers have elected to use their own money to finance the operation, so they will not

want it to fail. Also, they have been made redundant once, so they will not want to lose their jobs again."

The three ships have been out of action for eight months and berthed in French ports, so they will require overhauling to bring them back into operation.

They will also need to have their engines and other equipment brought into line with current EU emissions rules.

ACQUISITION

Group is write on with firm move

COLART Group, the world's leading supplier of artists' materials, has acquired Ashford-based Letraset for an undisclosed sum.

The acquisition sees the amalgamation of Letraset's market-leading range of art, craft and graphic marker-pens, such as FlexMarker, ProMarker and Tria Marker, into ColArt's portfolio of fine-art brands.

The company says the acquisition will enable it "to further develop the depth and breadth of Letraset's product range, strengthening ColArt's number-one position in the global marketplace and reinforcing its reputation for supplying innovative products of quality".

Martin Gibbs, managing director of Letraset, said: "Becoming part of such a well-respected group will enable us to compete even more effectively on the world stage."

Thomas Bräutigam, ColArt Group chief executive, said: "Letraset is a great business, with market-leading products that enhance and complement our existing family of brands."

TRAVEL

Le very busy Shuttle

FOR the first time in its history, Le Shuttle carried more than 10,000 tourist vehicles in a 24-hour period between Folkestone and Coquelles in France.

On Friday, June 1, the cross-Channel service transported 10,380 cars and 128 coaches. The previous record had been set on July 26, 2010, with 9,382 vehicles carried in one day from England to the Continent.

Taking into account the traffic figures for Saturday, which was also extremely busy, and those of Sunday, the service will have carried more than 26,000 tourist vehicles from Folkestone to Coquelles over a three-day period, surpassing the previous record for the equivalent UK peak holiday departure period at the end of July last year.

Jo Willacy, Eurotunnel commercial director, said: "We transported more than 700 vehicles an hour, with a departure every 15 minutes while maintaining punctuality."

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Training, courses and careers

Pushing the boat out to help the city's homeless

HOMELESS people can gain a qualification in canoeing in a project backed by Kent County Council.

Called Climb Aboard, it sees seven sessions of river canoeing and a sea kayaking lesson at Grove Ferry resulting in a British Canoe Union 1 Star Award.

On completing the course, participants will be invited to take part in a 40-mile canoe competition on the River Medway.

Richard Barnard, activities worker at homelessness charity Porchlight is running the project.

He said: "Physical activities really help to boost the confidence and life skills of the people we help, many of whom have been through devastating experiences. We really want our service users to gain useful transferable skills that will help them to live independently in the future."

One of those taking part is 19-year-old Dan. He says the efforts of the charity have helped him get his life back on track. He explained: "If it wasn't for Porchlight I'd still be living in a flat that was unfit for human habitation, struggling with managing money, and mixing with the wrong crowd. Now I'm looking forward to getting my own place one day and living more independently.

"The canoeing is a really good opportunity for learning to work as part of a team and for keeping fit. I'm really pleased to be a part of it."

KCC handed over £1,000 funding, and Cllr Graham Gibbons said: "Its work is important to Canterbury and the area that I represent."

Manufacturing a prize to reward bright inventions

A KENT MP has launched an unusual competition to boost ideas for manufacturing.

Gordon Henderson, who represents Swale, said the We Made It competition will work with local schools and industry to help young people understand how exciting and rewarding a career in manufacturing could be.

Students aged between 13 and 16 can submit designs and ideas for a gadget, gizmo, toy or tool they'd like to see made.

It can be any invention, no matter how unusual so long as it is realistic enough to be made. And the very best could be turned in to a reality.

The entries will be judged by Mr Henderson and the winner will be entered into a nationwide competition judged by a group of organisations involved in manufacturing, including Boeing.

Later this autumn, Mr Henderson will bring the winner of our local competition to a reception and awards ceremony in Parliament and they'll have the opportunity to meet the heads of the manufacturing organisations involved in the project and learn how to take their career in manufacturing further.

The MP said: "I'm very proud to be supporting this great project to help young people turn their ideas into reality."

"Britain desperately needs more young people aspiring to high-level manufacturing jobs and gain a better understanding of how the industry and businesses involved in it actually works."

Visit www.wemadeituk.co.uk for more details.

A design for success is set to fashion a top job for bright UCA student

MOVE over D&G and Gucci, Suzanne Graham is on the way after impressing some of the fashion industry's biggest names.

The fashion student from the University for the Creative Arts was hotly tipped for success at this year's Graduate Fashion Week (GFW) by influential style commentator Hilary Alexander.

Miss Graham studies BA (Hons) fashion design at Rochester.

She has been named 'one to watch' in a feature by the respected fashion journalist for British Airways' in-flight magazine High Life which is seen by more than three million people every month.

As a consequence, she got to show her graduate collection alongside fellow course-mates at GFW at London's Earls Court.

Miss Graham, 21, who grew up in Beijing, said: "I feel very privileged to be picked as 'one to watch' by Hilary Alexander – I've long read her articles where she has critiqued legendary fashion designers, but I would never have dared to imagine that she might write about me one day."

"Hilary's seal of approval has given me a tremendous boost in confidence, which has really helped my final collection become what it is, but now I am really excited about GFW and seeing my designs go down the runway."

Miss Graham's work is inspired by the 'Beggar Prince' of China, a real-life modern tale of a homeless man who became an internet sensation for his good looks and unique bohemian style, which often features women's clothing.

She said: "It is a true life modern fairy tale and tragedy of a man named XiliGe, also known as Brother Sharp, who lives in China.

"He was a farmer who wanted a different life and so went into the city to find happiness

and a career. After a few years he found himself with a wife and child and a lovely home. In a spate of misfortune, he was robbed of his savings and lost his job. Too ashamed to go back home and face his wife, he left everything and went on the streets to beg."

She crafted a genderless collection which uses a mix of fabrics and styles, while the length of clothing is often unconventional.

Hilary Alexander said of her: "The first thing that attracted me to Suzanne's work was the story of the Beggar Prince – I was intrigued by the tale and, as I looked through her sketches, I appreciated how cleverly she has translated what might be called 'homeless chic' into a well-thought out casual-wear collection, in terms of shape, silhouette, fabric and colour."

The Rochester university is no stranger to success at the popular and prestigious show.

Last year, UCA Rochester's Lyudmila Lane got through to the Gala Show which decides who will win the Gold Award worth £20,000, and Rochester's Myrto Stamou won the overall Gold Award in 2009.

The University for the Creative Arts has campuses in Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester. It is one of Europe's largest specialist universities of art, design, architecture, media and communication.

There are around 7,000 students studying on a wide range of well-established courses, and potential graphic designers work alongside budding journalists and pioneering fashion designers in a highly creative environment.

Celebrating the work of more than 1,000 of the finest BA degree fashion students from 40 universities across the UK and overseas, Graduate Fashion Week has established itself as an important platform for budding designers wishing to attract attention.



ARTISTIC:
Suzanne
Graham and
one of the
designs from
her collection



Schools & education

Undergraduate shines like a star as astrophysics paper is published

AN ASTROPHYSICS student has become one of the few to have his personal research published in a recognised journal.

Mark Salisbury, from Sandwich, is part of a group of Open University students to have reached such a prestigious achievement.

Mr Salisbury studied the OU's astrophysics course and went many steps further than most undergraduate students in developing his findings into

a full blown academic paper.

It started out as a hobby, but led to the group of undergraduate students writing two ambitious peer-reviewed research papers.

It makes a major contribution towards our understanding of close, interacting binary stars, and of magnetic cycles on rapidly rotating stars.

He said they investigated a particular type of binary star, which is two stars very close together and in the process of

interacting.

The students used the OU's remotely operable telescope, PIRATE, to acquire data and interpret this in project progress reports.

It will be published in the Journal of the British Astronomical Association.

Dr Ulrich Kolb, senior lecturer in the department of physical sciences, said: "This is a great example of how OU study can lead to the pinnacle of academic achievement."

College opens its doors to impress ahead of new term

THE open day at Canterbury College at Sheppeney this year promises to be a major day out as well as a chance to take the first step on to the career ladder.

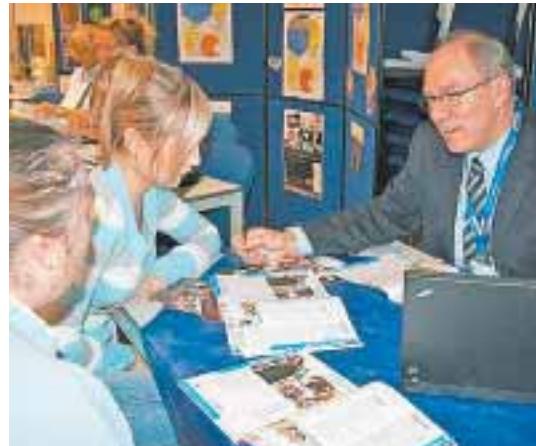
The college reveals there will be plenty of giveaways, including the chance for some visitors to leave with a new hairstyle.

Sheppeney campus principal Philip Wicker will be on hand to give advice to prospective students at the event.

There will be stands and displays showcasing the wide range of courses such as hairdressing, bricklaying, and business, as well as new courses including barbering, event management and health and social care.

All these start in September.

Visitors at the Bridge Road campus can also get free hair and beauty treatments, have a go on Nintendo Wii's Olympic challenge and enjoy a snack of cupcakes and other refreshments. There's even the opportunity for visitors to take part in a special Swap Shop, where they can exchange their



CHOICES: Making sure the course is right for you is essential for ensuring the success of your future career prospects

old clothes and computer games.

Staff will be at Sheerness Clock Tower with vouchers for visitors to get free goodie bag and McDonald's meal voucher.

Canterbury College has over 10,000 students across the county. It has been nationally

recognised with the Training Quality Standard, Investors in People Gold and Matrix Award.

For more details visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk email c.thomas@canterburycollege.ac.uk or call 01227 811347

The open day runs on June 20 from 1-7pm.

Enterprising opportunity as teens go head-to-head for business gong

EIGHT teams of teenage entrepreneurs who set up and run their own real companies are to battle it out in the South East regional finals of a major business competition.

The 15 to 19-year-olds from schools in Berkshire, Sussex, Hampshire, Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Guernsey, and of course Kent, have thrashed thousands of other so far.

Now they are heading for the South East Young Enterprise

Innovation Awards 2012 with the winner going forward to represent the South East at the HSBC Young Enterprise Innovation Awards in London on July 1-3.

The students have set up and run their own real businesses over the last year, supported by local business mentors, as part of a Young Enterprise scheme to encourage the South East's next generation of entrepreneurs.

Kent is represented by Beech

Grove Academy, Nonington, where students set up Link 2 Nature which offers children fun ways to play and learn that weren't based around a TV or video screen. Karen Mangen, Young Enterprise area manager for the South East, said: "Young Enterprise aims to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs and with the determination and drive they've demonstrated so far these young people could very well be the tycoons of the future."

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**IMPORTANT: THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS INTERESTS IN PROPERTY
FORM OF STATEMENT OF EFFECT OF PARTS II AND III OF THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981**

**THE SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL (LAND AT DUNSTALL LANE, ST MARY'S BAY)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2011**

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990
the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 and

the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Power to make general vesting declaration

1. The District Council of Shepway (hereinafter called the "Council") may acquire any of the land described in the Schedule hereto by making a general vesting declaration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981. This has the effect, subject to paragraph 4 below, of vesting the land in the Council at the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 2 below. A declaration may not be made before the end of a period of two months from the first publication of a notice which includes this statement except with the consent in writing of every occupier of the land affected.

Notices concerning general vesting declaration

2. As soon as may be after the Council make a general vesting declaration, they must serve notice of it on every occupier of any of the land specified in the declaration (except land where there is one of the tenancies described in paragraph 3) and on every person who gives them information relating to the land in pursuance of the invitation contained in any notice. When the service of notices of the general vesting declaration is completed, a further period begins to run. This period, which must not be less than 28 days, will be specified in the declaration. On the first day after the end of this period ("the Vesting Date") the land described in the declaration will, subject to what is said in paragraph 4, vest in the Council together with the right to enter on the land and take possession of it. Every person on whom the Council could have served a notice to treat in respect of his interest in the land (other than a tenant under one of the tenancies described in paragraph 3) will be entitled to claim compensation for the acquisition of his interest in the land, with interest on the compensation from the Vesting Date.

Modifications with respect to certain tenancies

3. In the case of certain tenancies, the position stated above is subject to modifications. The modifications apply where the tenancy is either a "minor tenancy", i.e. a tenancy for a year or a yearly tenancy or a lesser interest, or a "long tenancy which is about to expire". The latter expression means a tenancy granted for an interest greater than a minor tenancy but having on the Vesting Date a period still to run which is not more than the period specified in the declaration for this purpose (which must be more than a year). In calculating how long a tenancy has still to run, where any option to renew or to terminate it is available to either party, it shall be assumed that the landlord will take every opportunity open to him to terminate the tenancy while the tenant will use every opportunity to retain renew his interest.

4. The modifications are that the Council may not exercise the right of entry referred to in paragraph 2 in respect of land subject to a tenancy described in paragraph 3 unless they first serve notice to treat in respect of the tenancy and then serve every occupier of the land with a notice of their intention to enter and take possession after the period (not less than 14 days from the service of the notice) specified in the notice. The right of entry will be exercisable at the end of that period. The vesting of the land will be subject to the tenancy until the end of that period or until the tenancy comes to an end, whichever happens first.

SCHEDULE

LAND COMPRISED IN THE ORDER AS CONFIRMED

LAND TO BE ACQUIRED

- All interests in Dunstall Lane, other than those of the acquiring authority and any adjoining owners rights, over the land outlined in red and delineated number 1 on the plan annexed to the said Order.
- All interests in the land known as land on the West Side of Dymchurch Road St Mary's Bay outlined in red and hatched red and delineated number 2 on the plan annexed to the said Order.

FORM FOR GIVING INFORMATION

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SHEPWAY (LAND AT DUNSTALL LANE, ST MARY'S BAY) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2011

To: The District Council of Shepway, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY

[i] [We] being [a person] [persons] who, if a general vesting declaration were made under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 in respect of all the land comprised in the compulsory purchase order cited above in respect of which notice to treat has not been given, would be entitled to claim compensation in respect of [all] [part of] that land, give you the following information, pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of that Act.

1 Name and address of informant(s) (i)

.....

2 Land in which an interest is held by informant(s) (ii)

.....

3 Nature of interest (iii)

.....

Signed:

[on behalf of:

Date:

(i) In the case of a joint interest insert the names and addresses of all the informants.

(ii) The land should be described concisely.

(iii) If the land is leasehold, the date of commencement and length of term should be given. If the land is subject to a mortgage or other encumbrance, details should be given, for example, name of building society and roll number.

Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/00484/LB: 94 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5LB Reinstatement of inglenook fireplace to ground floor. Applicant: G & L Developments Ltd Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/00868/FUL: 12 Victoria Park, Herne Bay, CT6 5BJ Replacement windows and front door. Applicant: Mrs Butler
CA/12/00893/LB: Denstead Manor, Denstead Lane, Chatham Hatch, Chatham, CT4 7NL Replacement staircase in kitchen. Applicant: Mr Stephen Kingsman Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/00903/LB: 22 The Precincts, Canterbury, CT1 2EP Alteration to fire place surround and chimney stack. Applicant: Mr Christopher Robinson Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/00909/FUL: 31 Ethelbert Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NF Single-storey extensions to front and rear of dwelling; insertion of two dormers in rear roof slope. Applicant: Mr E Palmer Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00952/FUL: BT Telephone Exchange, Molehill Road, Chestfield, CT5 3PA Replacement of two windows with ventilation louvres. Applicant: BT Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00955/LB: 12 Parade, Canterbury, CT1 2SG Replacement signage and internal alterations. Applicant: Lush Retail Ltd Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/00960/FUL: Longtree, Church Hill, Herledown, CT2 9AH Single-storey side extension with decking, erection of detached garage and associated covered walkway. Applicant: Mrs Balfour Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before Monday 9 July 2012.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc
Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 15 June 2012

Public Notice

17 June 2012



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Licensing Act 2003

In accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the seventh Annual General Meeting of the Canterbury City Council Licensing Committee will take place at 10am on Wednesday 4 July 2012, at the Guildhall, Canterbury.

If you wish to speak at the meeting (for a maximum of three minutes) about the operation of the Licensing Act 2003 in the Canterbury district, please contact Jemma Richards, Democratic Services as follows:

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It would be helpful if you could include an indication of the matters you intend to bring to the attention of the committee or any questions you would wish the meeting to address.

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Proposed Disposal of Land Forming Part of an Open Space

In accordance with section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, the District Council of Shepway hereby gives notice of its intention to dispose by way of lease the areas of open space situated in Hawkinge set out in the schedule to this notice. It is intended to grant leases to Hawkinge Town Council which will continue to use the areas as open space.

Any representations about the proposed disposals should be made in writing either by letter or e - mail to Paul Marshall, Estate Management Officer, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY, e - mail paul_marshall@shepway.gov.uk not later than 1 July 2012.

Schedule

Areas of open space adjoining the following streets

- Underwood
- Kettle Drive
- Heron Forest Avenue (next to the Hawkinge Community Centre)
- Haven Drive
- Proctor Walk/ Pannell Drive

Chris Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY

Date: 17 June 2012

PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**

KCC/SE/0176/2012 - Proposed development at Cowden Exploration Site, Field No. 0002 Claydene Farm, Off Hartfield Road, Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent

Cuadrilla Resources Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for application to vary condition (29) and (30) of permission SE/98/234 to retain the Cowden Exploration Site, access and wellhead valve assembly for a further period of one year to allow time for the borehole abandonment and complete the site restoration.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough/District Council website.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 24 OF DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**

SW/10/774 - Proposed development at Ridham Dock, Iwade, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8SR

I give notice that having taken environmental information submitted in support of the proposal into consideration Kent County Council has granted planning permission to Renewable Energy Projects Development Ltd for the construction and operation of a biomass combined heat and power plant including external and covered waste wood storage, associated weighbridge, parking and underground pipework to pumping station.

You may view copies of the application, the plans, other documents submitted with the application and the planning permission at Swale Borough Council offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 3HT or at the offices of the Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications using application reference SW/10/774.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 17 June 2012



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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/01595/FUL **Moot Bungalow, Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
 - Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings and replace with a dwelling and detached garage (PROW) (LB)

12/01597/HOUSE **Crit Hall, Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
 - Replacement conservatory (LB)

12/01598/LBC **Crit Hall, Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
 - Listed Building Consent - Replacement conservatory (LB)

12/01667/LBC **Mounts Farm Barn, Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
 - Listed Building Consent: Alterations to garage block previously approved under TW/09/00708. Conversion of stable block to form home office/hobbies room/shower room (LB)

12/01653/FUL **Tunbridge Wells Garden Centre, Eridge Road, Broadwater**
 - Demolition of two-storey building and erection of a single-storey extension, to include reorganisation of parking (TW/11/03032 refers) - variation of condition 10 - use of proposed extension (CA) (MAJOR)

12/01365/LBC **Bird In Hand, Stone Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
 - Listed Building Consent: Installation of chimney cowl to living room and bedroom two flues (LB)

12/01543/HOUSE **11 Earls Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
 - Two-storey front extension and single storey rear extension (CA)

12/01603/FUL **6 Hanover Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
 - Change of use from B1 offices to C3 residential as single 3 bedroom dwelling (CA) (LB)

12/01657/FUL **Ground Floor 1 - 3 Lime Hill Road, Culverden**
 - External alterations to front elevation shopfront (CA)

12/01631/HOUSE **Tower Cottage Bedebury Road, Goudhurst**
 - Retrospective - Garden shed (LB)

12/01632/LBC **Tower Cottage Bedebury Road, Goudhurst**
 - Listed Building Consent - Garden shed (works carried out) (LB)

12/01671/HOUSE **Forge Cottage, Church Road, Goudhurst**
 - Conversion of outbuilding to summer house/kids play space/ art studio with storage above (CA)

12/01506/HOUSE **The Granary, The Down, Lamberhurst**
 - Single storey side extension (CA)

12/01580/HOUSE **Pepper Pot Farm, Clayhill Road, Lamberhurst**
 - Two-storey extension to include annexe (PROW)

12/01611/FUL **Old Farm, Lamberhurst Quarter, Lamberhurst**
 - Side extension to form a collecting yard, milking parlour and milk holding facilities (LB)

12/01616/FUL **Old Farm, Lamberhurst Quarter, Lamberhurst**
 - Calf rearing and housing building (LB)

12/01620/FUL **Old Farm, Lamberhurst Quarter, Lamberhurst**
 - Dry cow and calving building (LB)

12/01519/HOUSE **85 Frant Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
 - Demolition of conservatory and replacement orangery with extended terrace and steps (retrospective) (CA)

12/01619/FUL **Garages Cambridge Gardens, Pantiles & St Marks - Extension of time**
 - Three terraced townhouses (reference TW/09/01540) (CA)

12/01622/HOUSE **The Lodge, 6 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
 - Retrospective replacement boundary fence (CA)

12/01642/FUL **90 - 92 Mount Pleasant Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Removal of roller shutter. Installation of new shop front (CA) (LB)

12/01643/LBC **90 - 92 Mount Pleasant Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Listed Building Consent: Removal of roller shutter. Installation of new shop front (LB)

12/01529/FUL **Kent College For Girls, Old Church Road, Pembury**
 - Attenuation basin and temporary topsoil stockpile (LB)

12/01609/HOUSE **12 Apsley Street, Rusthall, Rusthall**
 - Single-storey rear extension (CA)

12/01639/HOUSE **Sundial Oast Ethanam Lane, Sandhurst - Demolition of concrete panelled garage and construction of oak-framed garage (LB)**

12/01582/FUL **Walden Hill, 7 Birchwood Avenue, Southborough Town Council**
 - Detached dwelling with new access drive to Birchwood Avenue and remodelling of existing property and detached garage (CA)

12/01591/HOUSE **14 Church Road, Southborough, Southborough Town Council**
 - Single storey rear extension (CA) (LB)

12/01658/HOUSE **Holden House, Holden Road, Southborough Town Council**
 - Detached garage block with studio and store above (CA) (LB)

12/01661/LBC **Holden House Holden Road, Southborough Town Council**
 - Listed Building Consent: Detached garage block with studio and store above (LB)

12/01587/HOUSE **Birchett Meads Langton Road, Speeldhurst**
 - Extension, alterations and loft conversion (CA)

(DEPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet.

We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe Head of Planning Services Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 16 June 2012

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/0032/S - 3 BOUNDARY COTTAGE, ST HELENS LANE, WEST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0XJ - Listed Building Consent for insertion of a new ground floor window to the north elevation, the replacement of an existing non-opening first floor window with a new window with opening casement to north elevation, replacement of an existing glazed panel door with a half-glazed stable door in west elevation and replacement of two existing windows and brick infill panel with new single window and replacement brick panel in west elevation. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0575/N - CAR PARK AT HUCKING ESTATE, CHURCH ROAD, HUCKING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1QT - Extension to existing car park and associated works. **Reason: 7**

MA/12/0742/S - LODDINGTON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AD - Change of use and conversion of first floor from Class D1 to Class C3 to form one self contained flat. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0744/N - PRIORY CHAPEL, PRIORY ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6NL - Erection of a single storey rear extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0745/N - LA TASCA, 58, EARL STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1PS - Use of pavement as an outdoor seating area. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/0777/S - LITTLE BOCKINGFORD, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DN - Replacement, resizing and repositioning of kitchen windows. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0778/S - LITTLE BOCKINGFORD, CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DN - An application for listed building consent for replacement, resizing and repositioning of kitchen windows. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0787/S - 12GRANARY LOFT, FOREMANS WALK, HIGH STREET, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NE - Installation of solar panels. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0818/N - FAIRBOURNE MANOR, FAIRBOURNE LANE, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1LN - An application for listed building consent for works involved in the conversion of the barn to a dwelling. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0826/N - HARVEST BANK HOUSE & THE OLD POST OFFICE, LENHAM HEATH ROAD, SANDWAY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2NB - Erection of a porch to Harvest Bank House and a three-bay cart-lodge to serve both Harvest Bank House (two bays) and the Old Post Office (one bay). **Reason: 2**

MA/12/0830/N - 89, BANK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1SD - Change of use and conversion of first floor B1 office to C3 residential with the creation of four bed sit flats. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0831/N - 89, BANK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1SD - Listed building consent is sought for the conversion of existing office in to four bed sit flats. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0852/S - CHEMISTS SHOP, HIGH STREET, MARDEN, KENT, TN12 9DP - Installation of a shopfront and air-conditioning unit to rear external wall. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0853/S - CHEMISTS SHOP, HIGH STREET, MARDEN, KENT, TN12 9DP - Listed building consent for the installation of a shopfront, fascia, stalliser and pilasters, automatic glass sliding door with timber detail, externally illuminated projecting sign and air-conditioning unit to rear external wall. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0862/S - SUMMERHILL OAST, BATTLE LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9AH - Erection of a detached three bay garage with workbench/storage over. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0867/S - CONGELLOW FARM, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6ET - An application for a new planning permission to replace extant permission MA/08/0163 (Development of existing site including extension to store, creation of new commercial space; creation of new research and development space and creation of new access) in order to extend the time limit for implementation. **Reason: 1, 6**

MA/12/0883/S - WREN'S NEST, HEADCORN ROAD, GRAFTY GREEN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2AP - Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey garden/hobbies room with link to main house (amendments to application MA/11/1249). **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0887/N - PURPLEHILL WORKS, WHITE HILL ROAD, DETLING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3HH - Revised scheme for demolition of existing commercial buildings and construction of 4no. residential dwellings, access and parking. **Reason: 9**

MA/12/0889/S - HEATHSIDE HOUSE, HEATH ROAD, COXHEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4AH - New external Portacabin storage facility for healthcare furniture and mobility equipment. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0897/N - 62 - 66, LOWER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6NA - Change of use of ground floors to A1 Use (retail). **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0900/N - GREENWAY COURT BARN, GREENWAY COURT ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1QE - Replacement rear extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0905/S - HILL PLACE, LINTON HILL, LINTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4AL - Alterations to access. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0915/S - GREAT IVY MILL, IVY MILL LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6XF - An application for listed building consent for alterations to the lower ground floor. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0922/S - IDEN PARK SERVICE STATION, CRANBROOK ROAD, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0EJ - Outline application for the redevelopment of the existing garage and petrol station to provide eight dwellings, with means of access to be determined and all other matters reserved for subsequent approval. **Reason: 9**

MA/12/0930/N - GARDNERS COTTAGE, CHILSTON PARK, BOUGHTON ROAD, SANDWAY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2BE - Listed building consent for the erection of a detached garage. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0933/S - 6, THE CHAPEL, FENNEL CLOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 0XD - An application for listed building consent for alterations to ground floor layout including relocation of doorways and removal of partitions. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0946/S - KELSHAM FARM, FOUR OAKS ROAD, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NY - An application for listed building consent for erection of an orangery extension to the rear of the existing dwelling. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0947/N - LITTLE CHEGWORTH, CHEGWORTH ROAD, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1DG - An application for listed building consent for works involved in the conversion of the agricultural building a holiday let, with internal re-planning and alterations to fenestration. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0964/S - 27, LINTON ROAD, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0AG - Loft conversion using two rear dormer windows, plus three roof windows to the side slopes and one roof window to the new front slope, to provide additional residential accommodation. Demolition of existing garage and new two storey side extension plus front porch. **Reason: 2**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Application affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 4 - Application is for Major Development.
- 5 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.
- 6 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **1st July 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 17th June 2012



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or its setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
5. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 2ND JULY 2012

SW/12/0447:
 Retrospective siting of caravan for security purposes - Bexon Manor Farm, Hawks Hill Road, BREDGAR; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0553:
 Extension to existing livestock building to provide appropriate cow cubicles - Badlesmere Court Farm, BADLESMORE; **REASON 2**

SW/12/0558:
 Restoration and extension of No. 1A Saxon Road to form one 1-bed and one 2-bed flat. Change of use of commercial premises at rear to residential use and erection of two 2-bed semi-detached dwellings together with associated amenity and parking spaces - IA Sound Ideas UK Ltd, Saxon Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0731:
 Outline planning permission to redevelop the site for 33 dwellings comprising a mix of detached, semi-detached and terraced houses all with their own amenity space along with provision of landscaping, improvement of existing access, new internal road to service the development, parking and turning and construction of a surface water balance pond - Sunny View, Scocles Road, MINSTER; **REASONS 2, 3 & 4**

SW/12/0775:
 Positioning of two water storage tanks (removable) - Land north west of Thanet Way and south of Highstreet Road, Waterham, HERNHILL; **REASON 2**
 Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
 Head of Planning

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MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS
 Applications have been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as venues for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Bradbourne House, East Malling
 Applicant: Adrian Padfield
 Name of Premises: Allington Castle, Maidstone
 Applicant: Sir Robert Worcester

The applications and plans of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley
 Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives
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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0460/SH + - 106 Stade Street Hythe Kent CT21 6DY - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Y12/0361/SH + - 104 Stade Street Hythe Kent CT21 6DY - Listed building consent for the attachment of a proposed single storey rear extension to No.106 Stade Street, to the rear of No.104 Stade Street.

Y12/0520/SH - Flat 2 The Haven 10 The Riviera Sandgate Folkestone Kent - Installation of 3 replacement uPVC windows to south facing elevation of ground floor flat.

Y12/0247/SH - Augusta Gardens Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent - Pruning of a Holm Oak situated within a conservation area.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2CY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- # - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney
- + - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>. The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
 Shepway District Council

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PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
 (PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW170 (PART) HOTFIELD)
 PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

On 28 November 2011 The Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of that Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AW170 which commences at a NGR TQ 97628 43579 (Point A) and runs in a generally west north westerly direction for approximately 218 metres to its connection with Godinton Lane (C154) at NGR TQ 97426 43667 (Point B) and will add a new length of public footpath numbered AW170, which commences at NGR TQ 97628 43579 (Point A) and runs in a generally westerly direction for approximately 40 metres, where it passes through a kissing gate located on the school boundary - at NGR TQ 97587 43581 (Point X), then immediately crosses a sleeper bridge - over a drainage ditch - for a distance of 2 metres, thence continues in a generally westerly direction for approximately 1.5 metres to NGR TQ 97583 43582 (Point C), then in a generally west south westerly direction for approximately 87 metres, thence in a generally westerly direction for approximately 43 metres, where it passes through a 2 metres gap in the hedge at NGR TQ 97503 43514 (Point E), thence continues in a generally westerly direction for approximately 126 metres and thence in a generally west north westerly direction for approximately 110 metres, where it passes through a kissing gate and connects with Godinton Lane (C154) at NGR TQ 97285 43550 (Point G). Between Points A-C-D-E-F-G on the Order Plan. The new length of public footpath has a width of 2 metres, except where it crosses the sleeper bridge at NGR TQ 97589 43580 (Point X) where it narrows to a width of 1 metre for a distance of 2 metres, and where it passes through the kissing gates at NGR TQ 97587 43581 (Point X) and NGR TQ 97285 43550 (Point G), where it narrows to a width of 1 metre. As shown on the Order Plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate. A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of the Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order came into force on 26 December 2011, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 14 January 2012, make an application to the High Court.

This document is available in alternative formats and can be explained in a range of languages.

For further information, please contact
 Kent Countryside Access Service,
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have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 18th June 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name: Pleasure House Lane, East Sutton

Extent: Chartway Street to East Sutton Road

Dates: Start: 18th June 2012

End: 22nd June 2012

Diversion: East Sutton Road, Workhouse Lane, Chartway Street

Road Name: Couchman Green Lane, Staplehurst

Extent: Maidstone Road to Headcorn Road

Dates: Start: 18th June 2012

End: 22nd June 2012

Diversion: Maidstone Road, Station Road, Headcorn Road

Road Name: Pitt Road, Broomfield and Kingswood

Extent: Chartway Street to Gravelly Bottom Road

Dates: Start: 2nd July 2012

End: 6th July 2012

Diversion: Gravelly Bottom Road, Ulcombe Road, Leeds Road, Maidstone Road, Chartway Street

Road Name: East Hall Hill, Boughton Monchelsea

Extent: Hermitage Lane to Weirton Road

Dates: Start: 2nd July 2012

End: 6th July 2012

Diversion: Hermitage Lane, Weirton Hill, Weirton Road

Road Name: Grave Lane, Staplehurst

Extent: Clapper Lane to Summer Hill Road

Dates: Start: 5th July 2012

End: 6th July 2012

Diversion: Barberly Lane, Summer Hill Road, A229 Maidstone Road, Clapper Lane, Carpenters Lane

Road Name: Gore Court Road, Otham

Extent: Sutton Road to White Horse Lane

Dates: Start: 9th July 2012

End: 13th July 2012

Diversion: Willington Street, Deringwood Drive, Church Road

Road Name: Lower Farm Road, Boughton Monchelsea

Extent: Stile Bridge Lane to Chart Hill Road

Dates: Start: 9th July 2012 End: 13th July 2012

Diversion: Stilebridge Lane, Linton Hill, Staplehurst Road, Chart Hill Road

Road Name: New House Lane, Headcorn

Extent: Water Lane to Bletchenden Road

Dates: Start: 16th July 2012

End: 20th July 2012

Diversion: Water Lane, Moat Road, North Street, High Street, Biddenden Road, Bletchenden Road

Road Name: Hermitage Lane, Boughton Monchelsea

Extent: Long Lane to Chart Hill Road

Dates: Start: 16th July 2012

End: 20th July 2012

Diversion: Long Lane, Lower Farm Road, Chart Hill Road

Road Name: Tattlebury Lane, Headcorn

Extent: A274 Maidstone Road to Ulcombe Road

Dates: Start: 24th July 2012 End: 27th July 2012

Diversion: A274 Maidstone Road, Mill Bank, Kings Road, Ulcombe Road

Road Name: White Horse Lane, Otham

Extent: Gore Court Lane to Honey Lane

Dates: Start: 1st October 2012 End: 5th October 2012

Diversion: Gore Court Road, Sutton Road, New Road, Honey Lane

Road Name: Otham Street, Otham

Extent: Honey Lane to Caring Road

Dates: Start: 8th October 2012 End: 12th October 2012

Diversion: Caring Road, Caring Lane, Back Street, Avery Lane, New Road, Honey Lane

Road Name: Honey Lane, Otham

Extent: Simmonds Lane to White Horse Lane

Dates: Start: 15th October 2012 End: 19th October 2012

Diversion: White Horse Lane, Sutton Road, New Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway patching works to be undertaken by KCC Highways. For further information or comment please call Gemma Catt on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

**CHELSFIELD LANE, SHOREHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting through traffic on Chelsfield Lane, Shoreham, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed. The road will be closed from Shoreham Lane Chelsfield (Bromley) to Shacklands Road, Shoreham.

There will be no access for through traffic at Shoreham Lane Chelsfield (Bromley) to Shacklands Road, Shoreham.

The alternative route is via: Approaching from the east, the diversion route is east along Shacklands Lane, then north along Cockerhurst Road then west along Redmans Lane and Rock Hill, then south along Hollybush Lane Chelsfield and Shoreham Lane Chelsfield. The diversion for traffic approaching from the east is the same but reversed.

**CROUCH HOUSE ROAD, EDENBRIDGE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crouch House Road, Edenbridge, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Orchard Drive to Greshams Way.

The alternative route is via Stangrove Road, B2026 Mont St Agnay Way and Station Road, Hilders Lane and Crouch House Road.

**PILGRIMS WAY EAST, OTFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Due to the installation of a new High Voltage cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pilgrims Way East, Otford, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed along Pilgrims Way East.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Beechy Lees Road and Rowdow Lane.

The alternative route is via Station Road, Sevenoaks Road, Otford Road, Seal Road, School Lane and Childsbridge Lane.

**PARALYMPIC ROAD CYCLING TRAINING DAY -
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION
(SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 16A**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event takes place on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads in Sevenoaks as noted in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.

The Order will become effective on 17th June 2012 and the event is to take place on 19th June 2012 with closures in place from 10:00 hrs to 21:00hrs. The restrictions/prohibitions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs in operation.

Schedule 1

The following Roads will be closed:

Road Name: A20 London Road, Farningham

Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic

Extent: From just north of it's junction with Scratches Lane to the junction with the entrance to Brands Hatch race circuit.

Road Name: Scratches Lane, Fawkham

Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic

Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Fawkham Road

Road Name: Fawkham Road, West Kingsdown

Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic

Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Scratches Lane

Road Name: Three Gates Road, Fawkham

Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic

Extent: Closed at its junction with Scratches Lane.

Road Name: Brands Hatch Road, Fawkham

Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic

Extent: Closed at its junction with Fawkham Road.

Schedule 2

Parking and No Waiting Restrictions:-

Road Name: Scratches Lane, Fawkham

Restriction: Prohibition of Parking and Waiting Order from 00:01hrs on 18th June 2012 to 21:00hrs on 19th June 2012

Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Fawkham Road.

Road Name: Fawkham Road, West Kingsdown

Restriction: Prohibition of Parking and Waiting Order from 00:01hrs on 18th June 2012 to 21:00hrs on 19th June 2012

Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Scratches Lane.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:

Southbound: A20 London Road, A225 Eynsford Road, A225 High Street, A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Station Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Otford Road, A25 Seal Road, A25 High Street, A25 Maidstone Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Ightham Bypass, A25 Borough Green Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Maidstone Road, A20 London Road.

Northbound: A20 London Road, A25 Maidstone Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Borough Green Road, A25 Ightham Bypass, A25 Sevenoaks Road, A25 Maidstone Road, A25 High Street, A25 Seal Road, A25 Otford Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Station Road, A225 High Street, A225 Eynsford Road, A20 London Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Paralympic Road Cycling Training Day Event.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

**B204 LOVE LANE & WHITSTABLE ROAD, FAVERSHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on the B204 Love Lane & Whitstable Road, Faversham, on or after 6 July 2012 for up to 4 nights, between 8.00 pm and 1.00 am.

The road will be closed at the junction with Graveney Road. There will be no access for through traffic from the A2 or A29 into Faversham using this route.

The alternative route is via A2 London Road, Western Link, Bysing Wood Road, Dark Hill, West Street, B204 North Lane, Conduit Street, Court Street, Crescent Road, East Street and Whitstable Road.

Traffic from Graveney Road should use the A299 Thanet Way to reach A2 London Road before joining the above route.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tonbridge

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116

STOPPING UP OF LAND AT PRIESTLEY DRIVE, TONBRIDGE

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on 26th July 2012 at 10am for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land adjacent to Priestley Drive as highlighted on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent County Council at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund at Kent Highway Services in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 08458 247 800 (24 hour contact centre).

HIGHWAYS - Districts of Tonbridge & Malling

**CUCKOO LANE, TONBRIDGE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of BT cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cuckoo Lane, Tonbridge, on or after 19 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Higham Lane to Hadlow Road.

The alternative route is via A26 Hadlow Road/Cornwallis Avenue, Higham Lane.

HIGHWAYS - Borough on Tunbridge Wells

**SANDHURST ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of maintenance works to the railway bridge, brickwork and vegetation clearance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandhurst Road, Tunbridge Wells, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 5 nights between 21:00hrs and 06:00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Upper Grosvenor Road, Grosvenor Bridge, Quarry Road, Garden Road, Sandrock Road, A264 Pembury Road, Sandhurst Road.

For further information, please contact

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HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford**BOND ROAD, ASHFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway works prior to resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bond Road, Ashford, on or after 22 June 2012, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with William Road and Jemmert Road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Jemmert Road, B2229 Beaver Lane and Beaver Road.

Access to Mayhew Close and Grantley Close will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

**CHURCH LANE, ALDINGTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Aldington, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length. The alternative route is via Roman Road, Goldwell Lane, Evgate Road, Station Road and A20 Hythe Road.

**TILDEN CHAPEL LANE, SMARDEN
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to lay a high voltage cable in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Tilden Chapel Lane, Smarden, on or after 3 July 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Smarden Road / The Cut.

The alternative route is via The Cut, Biddenden Road, Betherden Road and Luckhurst Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury**CHURCH LANE, SEASALTER, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to install traffic calming measures, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Seasalter, Whitstable, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junction with Heritage Close and the entrance to Rowan Tree Park, with no access for through traffic between the A299 / A2990 Thanet Way and the junction with Faversham Road.

The alternative route is via A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, B2205 Borstal Hill, Joy Lane and Faversham Road.

**LOUNGE ON THE FARM, CANTERBURY
(RESTRICTIONS ON TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public during the 'Lounge On The Farm' Music Festival, Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic and pedestrians, as detailed below.

The restrictions will take effect from 8.00 am Thursday 5th July until midday on Monday 9th July 2012 inclusive.

MERTON LANE, CANTERBURY will be closed between the junctions with B2068 Nackington Road and Stuppington Lane.

There will be managed access into and out of Nackington Road for those involved in or attending the 'Lounge on the Farm' event, and for residents and businesses within the closed section of road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2068 Nackington Road, Old Dover Road, Ethelbert Road, South Canterbury Road and Stuppington Lane.

30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

B2068 NACKINGTON ROAD, CANTERBURY - a temporary mandatory speed limit of 30 mph will be imposed between the junction with Bridge Road and the existing 30 mph / 40 mph speed limit sign, to the south of the junction with Langton Lane

NO WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Waiting will be prohibited at all times on the sections of road defined below (except for emergency services), when indicated by 'No Waiting' cones on site.

B2068 NACKINGTON ROAD - from the junction with

Bridge Road to the existing double yellow lines to south of the junction with Langton Lane.

MERTON LANE NORTH - from the junction with Nackington Road for a distance of 250 metres, to the entrance to the Rugby Club.

CHURCH LANE - from the junction with Nackington Road, for its entire length.

FOOTPATH CLOSURES

The use of sections of various footpaths in the vicinity of Merton Farm will be prohibited as detailed below, and indicated by signage on site.

CB348 / CC66A - the Public Footpath between Nackington Road and Merton Lane will be closed for its entire length.

CC65 - the Public Footpath from Nackington Road, along Merton Lane through Merton Farm (TR 149 549) will be closed for its entire length.

CB358 - the Bridleway will be closed from Merton Farm (TR 149 549) to the junction with Footpath CB357

HIGHWAYS - District of Dartford**BOB DUNN WAY, RENNIE DRIVE AND
MARSH STREET NORTH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic. To accommodate the Bridge Triathlon, on Bob Dunn Way, on or after 24 June 2012 for up to 1 day and to accommodate the Midnight Man Triathlon on 18th August 2012 for 2 days on Bob Dunn Way, Rennie Drive and Marsh Street North or until the Event have been completed.

The road will be closed.

There will be no East bound access for through traffic for the Bridge Triathlon on the 24th June 2012 from the hours of 5:00am to 10:00am and for the Midnight Man Triathlon on 18th to 19th August from the hours of 18:00pm to 05:00am

The alternative route is via Burnham Road, Victoria Road, Home Gardens, East Hill, The Brent and Cotton Lane.

HIGHWAY - District of Dover**CASTLE STREET AND WOOLCOMBER STREET, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Castle Street and Woolcomber Street, Dover, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 4 nights, as defined below.

CASTLE STREET, DOVER will be closed in phases from 2 July 2012 for 2 nights, between 7.00 pm and 1.00 am.

The alternative route for through traffic is via A256 Woolcomber Street, A20 Townwall Street and York Street.

A256 WOOLCOMBER STREET, DOVER will be closed in phases from 4 July 2012 for 2 nights, between 7.00 pm and 1.00 am.

The alternative route is via A258 Castle Hill Road, A2 Jubilee Way and A20 Townwall Street.

Details for these closures are yet to be fully confirmed and will be publicised for the next Notice.

**GLEN ROAD, KINGSDOWN, DEAL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Glen Road, Kingsdown, Deal, on or after 23 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from The Rise to north of the junction with Osborne Road.

Planned work times will be between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route is via The Rise, Ringwould Road, A258 Dover Road, Grams Road, Liverpool Road, Granville Road, Cecil Road, Kingsdown Road, Cliffe Road and Upper Street.

Some of the side roads will be closed at their junctions with Glen Road as the works progress, with local diversions.

**SANDON ROAD, SANDWICH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

B2068 NACKINGTON ROAD - from the junction with

Bridge Road to the existing double yellow lines to south of the junction with Langton Lane.

MERTON LANE NORTH - from the junction with Nackington Road for a distance of 250 metres, to the entrance to the Rugby Club.

CHURCH LANE - from the junction with Nackington Road, for its entire length.

FOOTPATH CLOSURES

The use of sections of various footpaths in the vicinity of Merton Farm will be prohibited as detailed below, and indicated by signage on site.

CB348 / CC66A - the Public Footpath between Nackington Road and Merton Lane will be closed for its entire length.

CC65 - the Public Footpath from Nackington Road, along Merton Lane through Merton Farm (TR 149 549) will be closed for its entire length.

CB358 - the Bridleway will be closed from Merton Farm (TR 149 549) to the junction with Footpath CB357

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(B2163 LOWER STREET, LEEDS AND POSTLEY
ROAD, MAIDSTONE)****(20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the Local Traffic Authority and in exercise of their powers under Sections 9 and 10 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:

ROADS SUBJECT TO A SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH:

1. B2163 Lower Street, Leeds, Maidstone - from a point 155 metres west of its junction with Burberry Lane in a westerly direction to a point 20 metres northeast of its junction with Wykeham Grove.

The existing Order 'The Kent County Council (Restricted Roads) (Route B2163, Leeds) Order 1985, Lower Street from a point 155 metres west of its junction with Burberry Lane to a point 20 metres northeast of its junction with Wykeham Grove is temporarily suspended for the duration of the Experimental Order.

2. Postley Road, Maidstone - from its junction with the roundabout junction with Courtenay Road and Armstrong Road to its junction with A229 Sheal's Crescent in a northerly direction.

That the Order making authority will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely and should be made permanent, a further Notice shall be published.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on Monday 25th June 2012 for a experimental period not exceeding 18 months, an explanatory statement and map showing the length of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ and Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ.

Any person wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it, must do so in writing quoting the name of the Order and reference (TRO/Experimental/Maidstone/Leeds/20mph) to The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk and stating their reasons, not later than Monday 17th day of December 2012.

**LENHAM ROAD, BOUGHTON MALHERBE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lenham Road, Boughton Malherbe, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Southerden Road and Crumps Lane.

The alternative route is via Southerden Road, Barham's Mill Road, Coldbridge Lane, Headcorn Road.

**LIVERTON HILL, BOUGHTON MALHERBE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Liverton Hill, Boughton Malherbe, on or after 2 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Southerden Road and Crumps Lane.

The alternative route is via Southerden Road,

Barham's Mill Road, Coldbridge Lane, Headcorn Road.

For further information, please contact

Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,

on 08458 247 800 (local rate)

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Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Liverton Hill, Boughton Malherbe, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Woodcock Lane and Green Lane.

The alternative route is via Church Road, Boughton Road, Lenham Heath Road.

**TESTON LANE, TESTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of maintenance works by Network Rail, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Teston Lane, Teston, on or after 6 July 2012 for up to 1 night between 23.00hrs and 04.00hrs and 13 July 2012 for a period of up to 10 nights between 22.00hrs and 06.00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from A26 Tonbridge Road to Teston Country Park.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Farleigh Lane, Station Road, B2010 Lower Road, Teston Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE) (WAITING RESTRICTION
AND STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2012****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

The Kent County Council, act as the Local Traffic Authority and in exercise of their powers and under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 44, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:

Schedule

(Waiting Restriction and Street Parking Places)

Road	Parish/Town	Length of Restriction
Becksbourne Close	Maidstone	On both sides from a point 24 metres north from its junction with Sandling Lane to a point 65 metres north from its junction with Sandling Lane.
Sandling Lane junction with Cuckoowood Avenue	Maidstone	From a point 10 metres northwest of its junction with Cuckoowood Avenue to a point 10 metres southeast of its junction with Cuckoowood Avenue.
Cuckoowood Avenue	Maidstone	On both sides from its junction with Sandling Lane in a north easterly direction to its junction with Sandbourne Drive.
A274 North Street junction with Southways	Sutton Valence	From a point 10 metres northeast of its junction with Southways to a point 10 metres southwest of its junction with Southways.
Southways	Sutton Valence	Both sides from a point 17 metres west of its junction with A274 North Street to its junction with A274 North Street.

Full details are contained in the Order which comes into force 20th day of June 2012, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the Order and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ, between 8.30am and 5.00pm and at Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder



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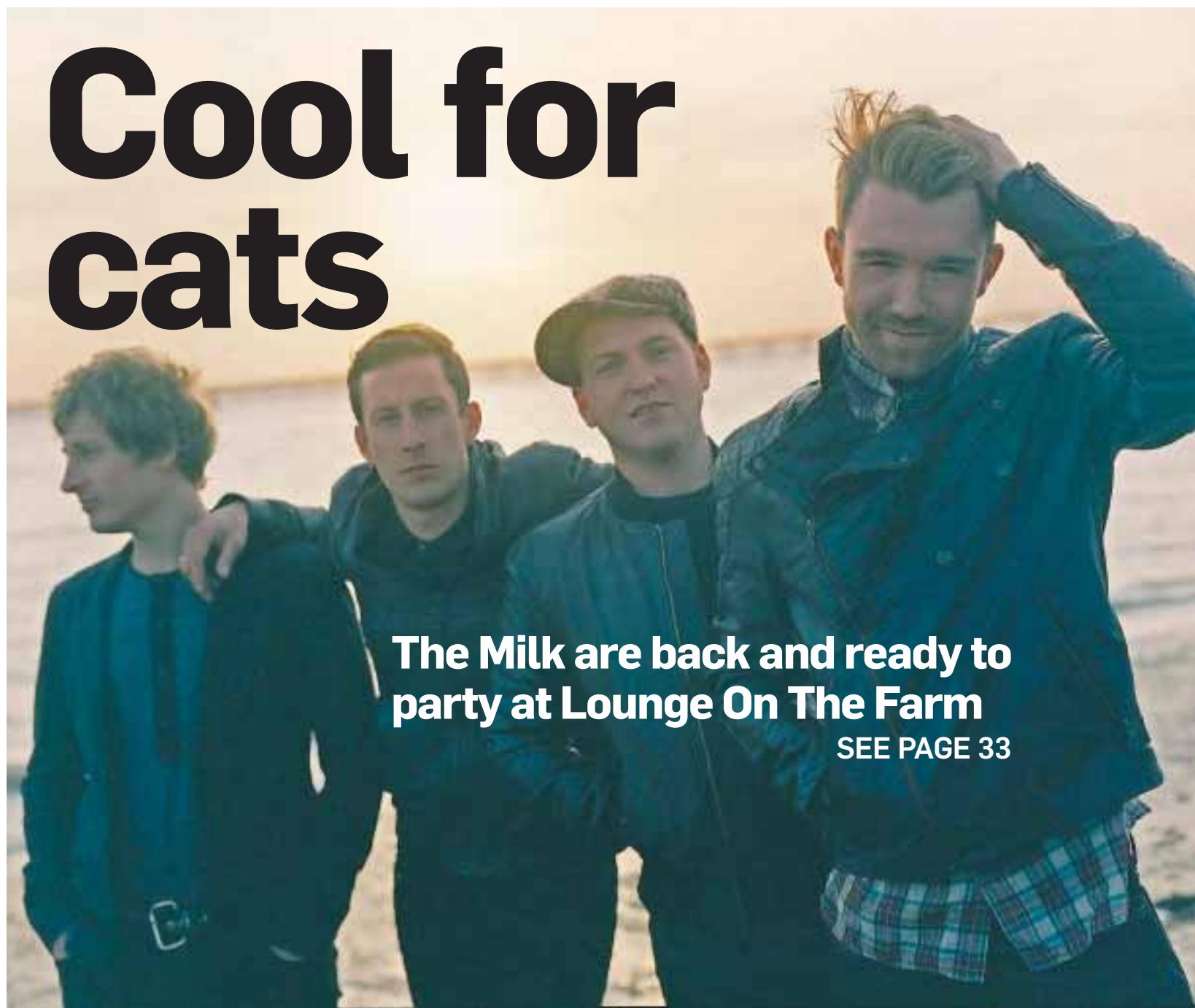
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THE INTERVIEW

Rick Nunn

The Milk keep the party going

AS FESTIVAL season approaches, the music world is readying itself once more to admire the greats with all their "one last performance" gigs and also to embrace the new kids on the block.

Not literally – there won't be any dancing Wahlbergs at Lounge On The Farm – but there will certainly be some stars in the making. None more so than Essex quartet The Milk.

If you have had your finger on the musical pulse for the last couple of years, you will know that The Milk have been around for a little while. But with a new record deal, a debut album and slots on the top summer festival bills, these crazy cats could be about to go viral.

To listen to lead singer Rick Nunn sing, you could be forgiven for thinking you had gone back in time to a Motown soul gig, but in interview his cockney tones reveal his South East roots and love for all things West Ham. And indeed for the music industry.

"It's all about graft. Music is not a lucky game – you've just got to keep at it."

"All the festival line-ups sort of blend into one now, you know? When I was 16, in little bands trying to get signed, you think that behind the VIP security-guarded fence there is some sort of mysterious world of rock'n'roll where everyone is sitting around with guitars inspiring each other. It's really not like that, it's just people getting ready for their shows."

"Yeah, you bump into people, but it's not like in the movies... put it that way."

But the group, described as "party catalysts", are by no means wet behind the ears and are beginning to enjoy their new notoriety.

"It's nice to be associated with some of these big bands, you know. It's nice to just be on the same poster," said Nunn, above left.

"We're doing V Festival this year and I'm psyched about the fact we are on the same poster as The Stone Roses. I could never have imagined that one."

"It's all very surreal getting spotted in the street, but you know, if you don't enjoy it, you're in the wrong game. If you get p**** off by it, go and be a plumber."

The Milk name influences as diverse as The Prodigy and The Chemical Brothers to Otis

Joe Bill meets the next big thing ahead of their Lounge On The Farm gig



Redding and James Brown. "We're all big dance fans but all big soul players, too. We take the sonic energy from dance music and the groove from soul."

The group also have a very special style in which they perform all of their live gigs.

Rick, 26, said: "We're like live DJs but with instruments rather than decks. The second we start playing, there is no silence for an hour. We keep the beat going, we keep the jams going – all the songs are linked, just like a DJ."

"The idea is that we get people up, that the energy level goes up and everyone is concentrating on having a good time, not necessarily concentrating on applauding us. The best gigs are when the audience is having a great time, and that makes our gig better."

"If you come to a Milk gig, you start to party until the second we're off. We just want to be the catalyst for the evening."

Lounge On The Farm has become a home from home for the boys, who have bagged a slot on the stage for a second year in a row.

"We did Lounge last year before we were signed, had an amazing time and ended up staying two nights. We did the gig the first night

and had such a blast that we kept the bus there and partied through the next night. It was just a wicked festival. I remember I spent a lot of time in the silent disco because they let you stay there really late."

"A lot of festivals try to get the family-friendly, bohemian thing, but not a lot of them achieve it. It just ends up being haystacks and a few organic-burger vans and that's about it – there's no real vibe. But Lounge had all the props and managed to get the good vibe in there as well."

Their live sets have made people sit up and take note, with The Milk bagging a nomination for Best Breakthrough Artist at the UK Festival Awards last year, going up against the likes of Bruno Mars and Jessie James.

Nunn is backed by Mitch Ayling on drums and backing vocals, Luke Ayling on bass and Dan Le Gresley on guitar, keyboards and horns.

There is, however, another reason The Milk have become so well known... their artwork. Their website graphics feature the band's torsos with cat heads instead of their own.

"We aren't the graphic designers," said Nunn. "There are a few people that we trust in

that department. We just get sent designs and thought 'Bloody hell, that's really clever'."

"When we started out, we wanted to keep it all pretty anonymous, and when you see our website it's all still pretty anonymous, just focusing on the tunes. It was just a cool little gimmick. I get bored of the same band photos all the time – give me something new."

"The cat heads are by no means an alter-ego. We haven't named them – it was just a cool concept that we digged when we saw it."

The Milk's debut album Tales Of The Thames Delta is due out on Monday, September 3, and could feature a collaboration with a star of top TV police series The Wire.

"Idris Elba from The Wire is a DJ and rapper, too. We're into our hip-hop as much as soul, but we play the beat rather than spin it on a deck, so working with urban artists is a big thing."

"We will release a couple more singles before the album and keep touring, picking up friends and working as hard as we can."

■ **The Milk play Lounge On The Farm Festival at Merton Farm, Canterbury, which runs from Friday to Sunday, July 6-8. Visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.**

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FOOD & DRINK**Sunday lunch: Six of the Best**

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Located in the picturesque village of Hernehill, there is a warm, cosy atmosphere, with quality home-cooked food. Choose a drink from a varied selection of wines, beers and real ales.

On the menu...

A very popular Sunday lunch, offering one course for £10.50, two courses for £13.50 and three courses for £15.50. Choose from a selection of meats including pork, lamb, and beef with the trimmings.

How to book...

The Red Lion, Crockham Lane, Herne Hill ME13 9JR
phone: 01227 751207
web: www.theredlion.org

Making the roast of your lunchtime

SUCCULENT meats, juicy vegetables and plenty of gravy... is your mouth watering? Of course, we can only be talking about the classic king of dinners, the Sunday roast

It is synonymous with the UK and we've all grown up with the idea of families getting together to enjoy this winning combination.

Its greatness as a meal has travelled overseas as many tourist areas in France and Spain will strategically place the roast dinner on the menu to appease hungry Brits.

But here in Kent we are taking the tradition of the Sunday roast to the next level.

We all know it is easy to change a roast in accordance with the seasons. There are the filling vegetables of winter such as Brussels sprouts,

cabbage and parsnips, or the lighter summer offerings like new potatoes, peas and runner beans, but it is the choice of meats here in the Garden of England that has changed the face of the roast.

Gone are the days when lamb, beef, pork or chicken were all that Kent had to offer. Be on the look-out now for roast goose with chilli carrots, roast duck with plum sauce... or even roast woodpigeon!

And let's not forget Kent's glorious coast, which offers up so many sumptuous fish dishes. Along the beaches, our restaurants often promote their freshly-caught cod or plaice – or maybe shellfish are more your thing.

The choice of dishes that Kentish folk can proudly call 'locally sourced' provides an extra joy to our Sunday lunch.

Here are six wonderful places to savour the experience.



The Acorn Inn Birchington

Why here...

The Acorn Inn is a friendly, family-run pub in the heart of the seaside village of Birchington-on-Sea, Thanet. Hosts Peter and Cath offer a warm welcome to a pub that has existed since 1748.

On the menu...

The Acorn's Sunday roast with all the trimmings is very popular. Choose from beef, lamb or turkey. Prices start at £7.95 for one course, £9.95 for two and £11.95 for three. Served midday to 4.30pm.

How to book...

The Acorn Inn
6 Park Lane
Birchington CT7 0AW
phone: 01843 841196



London Beach Tenterden

Why here...

The London Beach Country Hotel & Spa in Tenterden offers one of the best Sunday lunches in Kent. The three-course à la carte menu is only £21.95 and changes weekly. But the real speciality is that the team serves only Kentish produce. The menu is packed with locally-sourced fresh meats, vegetables and cheeses that coincide with the changing seasons. With its picturesqu

views and warm atmosphere, it is very hard to top.

On the menu...

This top eatery offers a traditional and beautifully-presented menu for Sunday-roast diners. The dishes available include fresh scallops from Rye Bay, which can be followed by wonderful Romney Marsh lamb and finished with a board of local cheeses.

How to book...

London Beach Country Hotel & Spa, Ashford Road Tenterden TN30 6HX
phone: 01580 766279

The Black Pig Staple

Why here...

The Black Pig is a fine old 16th-century timbered building with a large garden and free parking. The modern restaurant provides a range of home-made meals, using locally-sourced food.

On the menu...

Sunday roast is served from midday-4pm with a choice of three meats, vegetables, roast potatoes and home-made Yorkshire puddings all for just £9.95. Coming soon: all-new Host Your Roast!

How to book...

Barnsole Road, Staple, near Canterbury CT3 1LE
phone: 01304 813000
web: www.theblackpig.co.uk



Waggon at Hale Chatham

Why here...

A well-run family pub with good food, good wine and beer and a friendly atmosphere. Families are always welcome and in the big garden is a mini family farm with chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits, and Crackling the miniature pig. Proprietor Emma Pearson said: "We do not try to be anything more than we are – a warm and friendly country pub offering real food and

drink, selected, prepared and served by a friendly team."

On the menu...

The home-cooked food menu covers all tastes and pockets, with simple light bites to the ever-popular traditional Sunday roast, served every Sunday from midday to 6pm. A three-course meal costs £14.95. Booking is advisable to avoid disappointment.

How to book...

179 Capstone Road, Chatham ME5 7PP
phone: 01634 400800; web: www.waggonatiale.co.uk



The Swan Westgate

Why here...

The Swan at Westgate is renowned for its function room, restaurant and spacious bars with a comfortable feelgood factor and is just a very nice place to spend time and eat well.

On the menu...

The carvery is second to none and available midday-5pm on Sundays. Booking is advised! There is a selection of roasts with vegetables plus great vegetarian options at £8.99 per person.

How to book...

75 Sea Road
Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8QG
phone: 01843 831401; web: www.theswanatwestgate.co.uk

Continental serves up a treat but sorry service lets the side down

If there is one thing that sets Whitstable aside from many of its competitor seaside towns, it is that you can drive through it and rarely, if at all, catch a glimpse of the sea from which it derives so much of its income and appeal.

In fact the only spot where you can park a car and see the sea, before you reach the grassy slopes of Tankerton, is one of the town's least picturesque viewpoints.

With the industrial shadow of the asphalt and aggregates plant at the harbour looming to the left and the coastline wrapping out of sight to the right, it struggles to inspire.

Yet it is here, just along from the snooker club, that the Hotel Continental is perched.

Its imposing exterior conceals a light and airy interior – large windows allowing the bar to be flooded with natural light – leading through to a raised area and bistro.

It's not renowned as a cheap venue – a hotel room here can set back the weary traveller £185 a night – and a lack of crowds suggests it is struggling to get the locals through the doors.

But is the food up to scratch? The short answer is yes – but it's let down by lack-lustre service that garnished every dish with the feeling that the venue's heart was not in it.

So let's cut to the chase. The service was poor

RESTAURANT REVIEW



in that not-rude-but-just-failing-to-do-the-little-things way that defines the great from the good.

The wine is plonked, not poured; the dish on the moules marinère left for the diner to lift and release that-all-important breath of herbs and shellfish; the menus – and maybe this is just a personal taste but I suspect not – laminated... and when we added an extra coffee to the final bill (which weighed in at over £80) there was a bit of huffing and puffing. In short, and in this competitive day and age, not good enough.

Which is a pity, as the food bordered on the

excellent on occasion. The rack of lamb with a mint-and-artichoke purée (£17.25) featured tender meat and a puree that was like a dose of freshness setting your taste buds gambolling over the nearest sun-soaked field. A good blend.

What's more, the pan-fried fillet of salmon with new-potato cake (£15.95) proved a good balance of tastes. Certainly an improvement on the moules starter (£6.95). A regular on so many menus now, the ability to overcook mussels seems lost on very few. The sauce in which they were served was lifeless.

Unlike the deep-fried rock oysters (£6.50), which, while suffering from a little too much batter on some, offset the crunch of the batter with the soft meat.

With dessert and wine, the bill rocked up around £84. Yet on a Friday night the place is devoid of atmosphere. And the diner feels more like they are sat in a breakfast room (cornflakes put out ready) than a serious dining venue. A bit more effort and this would be a contender.

Chris Thomson

■ **Hotel Continental**
29 Beach Walk
Whitstable CT5 2BP
Telephone 01227 280280

Executive chef heads back to the future

FORMER head chef Neil Wiggins has returned to Eastwell Manor to take up the new role of overseeing the running of the Manor Restaurant and The Pavilion Restaurant.

Ashford-born Wiggins has accepted the executive head chef position at the AA four-red-star Country House Hotel and is looking to improve on its two-rosette standard.

Having trained at Thanet College, Wiggins took his first head chef position at the Mirabel Restaurant in Eastbourne, followed by terms at The Grand in Brighton and Alexander House in Crawley, where he achieved three rosettes for the restaurant.

Wrotham's Bull Hotel is among the stars

THE Bull Hotel in Wrotham has been awarded a four-star rating from the AA after a facelift.

The 14th-century coaching inn, headed by joint owners Martin Deadman and Lygia Fontanella, has been transformed into a more modern establishment.

The 11-room hotel also includes gourmet dining in the AA Rosette restaurant. The owners described the upgrade as "Changing Rooms on an epic scale" and invited guests including the Mayor of Tonbridge to the opening.

Local radio presenter and restaurant regular James Whale entertained crowds with stories of family links with the hotel.

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Picture of Happiness
Dan managed a surprise proposal when he asked for Jo's hand and what followed was a wonderful Caffé - with special touches that reflected the venue's historic grandeur and beauty.

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On the morning of the wedding, Dan and Jo's bridesmaids had to get dressed and travel to the church. So the bride had to leave the church and go to the hotel to change into her wedding dress. And then she had to travel back to the church again. This was a bit of a challenge, but the bride was determined to make it work. She got into her wedding dress and stood in front of the church. Then she turned around and saw her groom standing behind her. He had a ring box and a ring on a chain. He said, "Will you marry me?" and she said, "Yes". They then had a quick kiss and the ceremony began. The priest officiated the ceremony and the couple exchanged their vows. They then had a group photo taken with the priest and the congregation. After the ceremony, they had a reception at the hotel. The bride and groom had a meal together and then切到了他们的蛋糕。The cake was delicious and everyone enjoyed it. The bride and groom then切到了他们的蛋糕。The cake was delicious and everyone enjoyed it.

Top tip
Don't forget to book a taxi for the bride and groom to get them home safely after the wedding. It's important to have a reliable taxi service to ensure that the bride and groom arrive home safely and comfortably.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Tony Tuff joins reggae ravers One Love

The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood
Friday to Sunday, August 10-12
0843 224 9001
www.onelovefestival.co.uk

This summer's One Love Festival has released its timetable as well as the £10 day-ticket camping pass and VIP exclusive tickets.

It has also been confirmed

that reggae legend Tony Tuff has joined the line-up.

The fifth annual One Love Festival, to be held at The Hop Farm will celebrate 50 years of Jamaican independence as well as top reggae names.

Straight from the West Indies, legend Freddie McGregor, left, and Dancehall King Frankie Paul headline the festival, which is packed full of more new-school dubstep bands as well.

Also at the festival are Fun Lovin' Criminals duo Fast and Frank Benbini, known as Radio Riddlers.

Numbers add up at festival Boutique bash

West Heath School, Sevenoaks

Saturday, June 30, at 3pm
www.lawnfest.co.uk

THE boutique music event LawnFest returns this year bigger and better than ever.

The one-day festival, which raises money for the AlFayed Charitable Foundation for

children, has bagged top rockers The Magic Numbers to headline the gig.

The band have enjoyed huge success over the past few years, with This Is A Song, Forever Lost and Love's A Game among their biggest and best-loved hits.

Elsewhere on the bill comes Cleo Sol, dubbed as "one to watch" by MTV and MOBO magazine, while EastEnders actress Lindsey Coulson (aka Carol Jackson) will be story-telling in the children's area, where many other activities will take place during the day.



Earnest effort of rascal duo Wilde updated

Smallhythe Place, Tenterden
Sunday, June 24
0844 249 1895

THE Pantaloons theatre company is bringing its fast-paced production of The Importance Of Being Earnest to Kent's open-air venues.

Next week, Smallhythe Place in Tenterden will host the group's adaptation of Oscar Wilde's classic comedy, Everybody Loves Ernest.

In fact, Cecily and Gwendolen are both engaged to Ernest. The only trouble is, Ernest doesn't exist. Or does he? Best friends Jack and Algernon have created alter-egos to win the affections of their beloveds - but where will they stop?

The Pantaloons' production adds a contemporary twist to a popular play. The audience will be met by butlers who will direct people to their seats and open their Champagne.

See www.thepantaloons.co.uk for more details.



TNA's wrestling gem Fighting Mike Haskins

White Oak Leisure Centre, Swanley

Saturday, June 23, at 6.15pm
www.ipwuk.com; phone 07795 324278
Tickets £12 adults, £9 children, £35 family ticket

THE UK franchise of International Pro Wrestling heads to White Oak Leisure Centre in Swanley this month with its jewel in the crown Mark Haskins ready to fight.

The IPW:UK presents Royal Rewards 2012, featuring the Oxford wrestler who has recently made it into American wrestling group TNA.

There will be a buzz about Haskins's performance after his abilities were delivered to a worldwide audience via the pay-per-view American show.

With a roster of stars, Kent company IPW:UK has gone to the next level, recording interviews and matches on its website to satisfy the fans.

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This is an art attack Neil Buchanan

Woods Restaurant, Tunbridge Wells
Tuesday, July 17-Sunday, September 9
www.woodsrestaurant.co.uk
www.neilbuchanan.co.uk

BACK from his rumoured death on the internet, BAFTA-winning artist Neil Buchanan brings his new collection to Woods Restaurant in Tunbridge Wells.

The artist is best known for his award-winning TV show Art Attack, which he presented from Maidstone TV studios to an audience of six million viewers each week.

This time he will be creating sporting mischief with a new collection of limited-edition art called Back Street Games.

Wooden crates are transformed into the winning podium, dustbins morph into hurdles and a battered fence changes into the high jump as the Naughty Sporties go on display.



Not ready to pull the plug Alex Horne

Quarterhouse, Folkestone
Saturday, July 14
01303 858500
www.quarterhouse.co.uk

IN 2011 Chortle Award-winner Alex Horne returned to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with three new shows.

He is best known for his solo stand-up show Seven Years In

The Bathroom, the innovative jazz comedy show The Horne Section and Taskmaster II, a one-off show concluding a year-long challenge to persuade 20 of his favourite comedians to take part in a covert competition.

In the last year Horne also co-created BBC Four's comedy quiz show We Need Answers, filmed his own documentary The Games That Time Forgot and appeared on Celebrity Mastermind.

He has become BBC Radio 4's go-to comedian, taking his popularity to an all-time high.

All going off with a bang Artistic boom

Oare Gunpowder Works, Faversham
Sunday, July 8, 10am-4pm
www.swaleartsforum.org

THE fourth annual Artists In The Woods takes place at Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park next month.

This event is to showcase the creative talent in Swale and create an awareness of the magical woodland of Oare Gunpowder Works.

There will be music, including local folk-rock group Los Salvadores, as well as child-friendly workshops led by the Litter Angels.

Big Fish arts team will be getting into the green theme while Marvellous Murals is organising a treasure hunt.

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Classic cars Mighty models from the past

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01227 868515

TANKERTON Slopes will be transformed later this month into an arena of more than 300 classic cars, motorcyles and other interesting vehicles.

The annual Whitstable Classic Car Show is any automobile enthusiast's dream and offers motors on show that date back to 1918 with the Ford Model T, as well as Austins, MGs, Aston Martins and even a number of American specialist classics.

One of the highlights of the event will be the DeLorean that starred in the Back To The Future films.

Other attractions include a retro market, community stalls and shows from the Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions.

Also performing will be X Factor finalist Ben Mills as well as the The Electric Beatles and a range of other bands throughout the day.



Comedy trio Stand-ups go international

Ashford International Hotel

Friday, June 29
01233 219988
www.thecomedyclub.co.uk

THE Comedy Club returns to Ashford International Hotel with three comedians ready to tickle the guests with new routines.

Host Jason Patterson

of BBC Threes's Laughter Shock will be joined by Anthony King, who is known for appearances on ITV's Mad For It and UK Gold's Live At The Jongleurs.

Headlining the Ashford show is Geoff Norcott, who is best known for Weapons Of Mass Distraction on ITV as well as GMTV's Morning Broadcasts.

Norcott's profile continues to rise with his sharp one-liners, while he has also become a presenter on many topical and sports-related shows, including a stint as main anchor on the WKD Shed Sports Show.

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Also announced on the music bill are Willy Moon, Dusky and Urban Nerds.

In the comedy tent, Howard Marks has confirmed his attendance, joining a list of stand-ups that already contains the likes of Father Ted legend Ardal O'Hanlon and Robin Ince.

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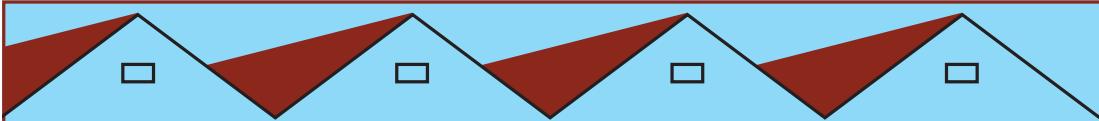
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- Vauxhall launches into small SUV market
- Orders fly in for the latest Audi A3
- Landmark sales for the iconic Fiat 500



Qashqai still leads the way for rival car makers to follow

Driving

carsforkent.co.uk

By Steve Loader

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WHOOOA! Tony Soprano just went legit.

For those unfamiliar with The Sopranos, the classic series about a Noo Joisey mobster and his dysfunctional family – that's blood relatives and the relatively bloody – I'm stretching a point here about the difference between the first-generation Chrysler 300C and its newly-launched replacement.

OK, Mafioso Tony Soprano never drove a 300C, but he should have done; this beefy chunk of retro-motoring Americana arrived in 2005 and really caught the imagination of British buyers.

It had Mercedes-Benz underpinnings, yet it was cheap and came 'fully loaded' with extras, as the Yanks say, and while there were gas-guzzling petrol models on offer, including the monstrous SRT with its obscenely-thirsty V8, the smooth Merc-powered diesel model was the sensible and flexible best-seller by far.

Many soon had their original American-style egg-crate grille swapped for a German aftermarket version that made the car look like a Bentley, and I'm sure we will see these soldier on for years as upmarket private hire cars.

So why the 'Tony Soprano goes legit' comment? Well, the second-generation 300C looks like it had the charm-school education Tony never had; it's smoother and classier to look at and, says Chrysler, far better built and nicer to drive, with a more upmarket cabin – it features redesigned Nappa leather seats and real wood panels on the dashboard.

The edges have been smoothed off, too – probably for the better, yet it still has the muscular Transatlantic look of the original.

It still offers great value against German premium rivals, and Fiat-owned Chrysler has gone for broke and dispensed with offering minority choices: there's no petrol option and only two high-spec trim levels.

Power comes from an all-new 3.0-litre V6 turbodiesel benefiting from Fiat's renowned Multijet diesel technology, which should deliver good power plus fuel-saving efficiency.

Even in cheaper Limited trim (£35,995), the 300C is well equipped with headline features including Rain Brake Support – to help keep the brake-pads dry for better stopping power in poor conditions – ventilated front seats and heated rears, dual-zone climate control, 8.4-inch touch-screen display, cruise-control, and 18-inch alloys.

Step up to the Executive (£39,995) and you get Blind Spot Monitoring, radar Adaptive Cruise Control – which checks your speed if you start getting too close to the car in front – a two-panel panoramic sunroof and 20-inch alloys.

My only concern is that maybe Chrysler needs to pump-prime demand further with a cheaper entry model; with the array of spec currently on show, there's surely scope for a 'cooking version' that's still choc full of luxuries rivals won't have, and at a more affordable price – hey, let's do a deal the American way.



CHRYSLER 300C

Price:
£35,995

Driving appeal:
not driven yet

Image:
★★★★★

Space:
★★★★★

Value:
★★★★★

Running costs:
★★★★

Reliability:
★★★★★

How green?:
★★★★

Best rival:
BMW 5-Series

Second season for the nicely-polished 'Sopranos' Chrysler



CHARM SCHOOL: The 300C retains its attitude while also boasting a smoother and classier look

DON'T LIKE

... the fact that there is not a cheaper entry model, but Chrysler may have plans for a mid-spec, cut-price 300C further down the line

NOT SURE

... premium German marques will be quaking in their boots, but some buyers will fancy the 300C looks as a change from Teutonic stereotypes

REALLY LIKE

... the way the bullish looks of the original have been smoothed but not lost. It has that Sopranos look but more clean-cut – more legit

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Vauxhall puts the Mokkas on

VAUXHALL is going after the popular Nissan Qashqai with the launch of its rival Mokka crossover/small SUV in November, offering both front-wheel drive and 4x4.

Priced from an aggressive £15,995 with sat nav, digital radio and 18-inch alloys as standard, it looks able to tackle an increasingly crowded sector where other potential targets include the Peugeot 3008 and Skoda Yeti.



Third offering of the Audi A3

ORDER books are open for the third generation Audi A3 – deliveries start in September.

Prices for the premium hatch start at £19,205, with alloys, air con or climate control, premium sound system with integrated iPod selection, and Bluetooth as standard.

Lightweight construction and higher efficiency engines, suggest all models will be cheaper to run than their outgoing equivalents too.



It's all-white for Fiat's 500

FIAT'S hugely popular 500 supermini has passed the 100,000 UK sales mark – just four and a half years since launch.

And those sales reveal some interesting facts, notably that Bossanova White is the most popular colour and 80 per cent have been 1.2-litre petrol models, though the frugal yet racy 0.9-litre TwinAir has been catching up fast since launch in 2010.

Qashqai still leads the way for rival manufacturers to follow

By Steve Loader

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

IT MIGHT be named after a small and nomadic Middle Eastern tribe, but the Nissan Qashqai population has exploded since it arrived in 2007.

Overnight it created a whole new car segment, the crossover – part family hatchback, part MPV and part SUV – and inspired imitators such as the Peugeot 3008, Hyundai ix35, Skoda Yeti and forthcoming Vauxhall Mokka (see story in First Gear, right).

Even Renault has belatedly recognised its sister brand's star car – it now plans a Qashqai-based model for 2015.

The French marque can only be accused of gawping while Nissan stormed the market – and did wonders for UK exports via production at the highly-efficient Nissan Sunderland plant.

For me, it's still the crossover to beat and it doesn't matter if we are talking about the £16,595 entry model or the £27,000 4x4 because the basic quality and style of the Qashqai cabin shines through whatever the price or extras fitted – even some premium marques don't get this right.

It's also airy, especially when fitted with the panoramic glass roof – optional on mid-range Acenta versions and standard on upmarket N-Tec and Tekna models.

Of course, the driver gets a fabulous view out of this high-riding vehicle, but this so often comes at the cost of blanmange handling.

Not so with the Qashqai, which has uncanny body control yet also soaks up the lumps and bumps brilliantly – a rare delight to drive in the MPV/SUV zone of the market, where later arrivals still fail to reach this benchmark.

The dashboard is well organised, with no irritating foibles and good stowage and everything seems well made and durable; for 4x4 versions there is a simple rotary selector close to the gearshift that offers economical front-wheel

Nissan Qashqai 1.6dCi Tekna: Price £26,045



FACT FILE

Driving appeal: ★★★★

Image: ★★★★

Space: ★★★★

Value: ★★★★

Running costs: ★★★★

Reliability: ★★★★

How green?: ★★★★

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CLASS ACT:

Nissan created a new sector in motoring when it introduced the Qashqai to the public in 2007 and has continued to lead the way despite rivals trying to follow suit

drive (FWD). Auto – which shifts traction to the rear wheels if a loss of grip is detected at the front – and full 4x4, allowing the transmission to be locked up to split-drive equally between both axles in icy and slippery conditions.

The car responds well and with great refinement in all modes. OK, it hasn't the ground clearance for serious off-roading, but it should deliver most of what country-dwellers need without opting for a much dearer true off-road 'yomper'.

As it is, you'll pay a modest £1,550 premium for a 4x4 Qashqai against its FWD equivalent, but it is only available on hi-spec N-Tec models and above (from £24,395).

Whether Nissan would sell more 4x4s if it offered it on the cheaper Visia and Acenta grades is an interesting point.

Fact is, though, FWD versions far outsell the 4x4s and few buyers will regret the choice since the Qashqai is such a great car to drive.

And it looks even better after a 2010 facelift that smartened the front and tidied up the side sills.

One criticism is how the rear seats don't quite fold fully flat or slide fore and aft to balance legroom against boot space – a feature some customers might seek if weighing the Qashqai's appeal against that of an MPV.

But it is nit-picking against one of the best cars on the market whatever the sector – it has a host of awards to prove it.

In choosing a powertrain, ignore the petrol engines – the 1.6-litre lacks oomph, while the 2.0 is juicy against the diesels.

The small 1.5 dCi diesel is a peach, but you will need the 1.6dCi or 2.0 dCi if you want a 4x4 diesel; the 1.6dCi as tested here is a cracker – sporty and refined and offering an official combined 55.4mpg in manual 4x4 form.

A CVT (continuously variable transmission) auto box is offered on some engines.

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Former Gills ace on life out of the sport's fast lane

By Greg Miles

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ON a checklist of things not to joke about with your employers, especially if they run a football club, would be telling them to sack you.

But Mark Saunders could take or leave management, and if the worst came to the worst the former Gillingham midfielder would go back to kicking a ball about with his mates.

It's been a tough 18 months for the man who made 201 appearances at Priestfield over eight years, after taking over as manager at Evostick League South & West Division side Tiverton Town.

It completes a full circle for the 40-year-old as he made his debut at Tivvy before moving on to Plymouth and eventually Gillingham in 1998.

He was promoted from assistant manager initially on a temporary basis in 2010 after former Rangers player Chris Vinnicombe left by mutual consent.

"I could take it or leave it," he said. "I only got the job because I was playing and Chris Vinnicombe left. They asked me if I could take it for a couple of games, I said I would take it on until the end of the season. I didn't want any extra money for it."

"At the end of that season they said will you do it again and it's been 18 months now. If they said 'sorry Mark we're letting you go', I wouldn't lose any sleep. I would just go and have a laugh with my mates in the Mickey Mouse league."

"The board know I'm up front and honest, I keep saying 'go on sack me', having a laugh and a joke with them."

But jokes aside he has found it a challenge: "It's been tough, very tough in terms of trying to

manage budgets that keep getting cut; trying to keep hold of players. At this level players are only interested in the money side of things, you're always trying to persuade people to stay."

"We have got quite a reasonable side together now with a mixture of experienced ex-pros and good up and coming players."

"It's a totally different ball game in non-league, you don't know who you're going to get turning up. Kids nowadays can't think for themselves; it's hard work."

In terms of influence, Saunders has had some reasonably successful managers to learn from, with Peter Taylor and Tony Pulis at the top of the list as his favourite tutors.

"Taylor was an exceptional coach, and Pulis could get the best out of his players, but if you crossed him you knew you crossed him," he said. "They are both good managers in their own right."

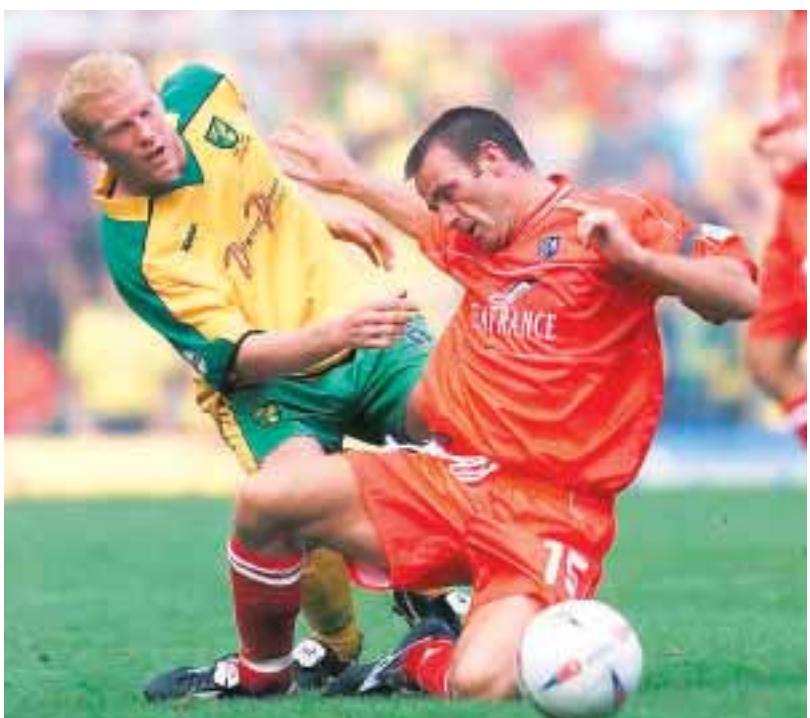
"The only thing I kept, because a lot of it stays in your head, and you make it up as you go along, was the record of everything we did in pre-season training every day."

A broken leg spelled the end of his career at Gillingham, before he went on to play at Folkestone and then Tiverton again. But who knows what may have happened had he not moved back home.

"Gillingham's a really good club, I really enjoyed my time up there. I didn't want to move back home but my wife wanted to move back to Exeter where I'm from," he said.

"I would quite easily have stayed in Kent, but she won the argument."

"I was back at the end of season party. I'm still good friends with Mark Patterson and Andy (Hessenthaler), and Trigger (Nicky Southall)."

**MEMORIES OF LIFE AT PRIESTFIELD ALL BOXED UP**

RETIREMENT triggers different reactions for some footballers with trophies, medals and photos adorning every wall and shelf, but while Mark Saunders has a box-full of memories from his career it is quite literally a box, in his loft.

Apart from two photos on his wall from the FA Cup quarter final against Chelsea in 2001 all of his shirts are tucked away out of sight - including one which Guy Butters was desperate to get his hands on.

"I had Zola's shirt," he said. "Guy Butters ran over to me with 15 minutes to go and said 'I wanted his shirt', and I said 'it's who you know'."

"My lad, who is a Chelsea supporter, keeps wanting me to get it out. But it's in the loft with all my other Gillingham shirts."

"I have only got two pictures on the wall,

from the Chelsea game. I don't really go in for things like that. I have got a little scrap book."

While there were plenty of happy times, he also suffered the heartache of breaking his leg in 2005, but it proved to him what he already knew.

"I wasn't too sad when it did happen."

"In the time out injured I didn't really miss it. Ronnie Jepson [then Gillingham manager] offered me a six-month deal, and I thought 'I don't really want this'. I thought I would only be stopping somebody else playing."

"Most people hate their jobs, or dislike them, football isn't much different, some like it and some just fall out of love in the end."

"I'm one of those I suppose."

OLYMPICS

Holmes knows it's a crucial time for Olympic hopefuls as pressure grows

WITH just over a month to go until the Olympics starts, double gold winner Dame Kelly Holmes knows it is a make or break time for athletes, and not just for those who are awaiting selection.

Even athletes who have already been selected will be under immense pressure as the media hype grows, and there are the final few who are yet to know their fate with the final trial events taking place in the coming weeks.

The main trial takes place next weekend in Birmingham with a number of Kent stars still vying for places, 400m hurdler Jack Green, decathlete Martin Brockman, middle-distance ace Lisa Dobriskey, and sprinter Montell Douglas to name a few.

Holmes, from Hildenborough, said it is a unique time for athletes as they deal with the countdown in different ways.

"I think it's a unique time for them and

quite hard as well," she said.

"Normally six weeks before a Games, you wouldn't have the media exposure, there wouldn't be so much emphasis on it as you're normally out of the country competing, but being in the home country it's different."

"It's going to affect some more than others, some will lap it up and enjoy it and some will falter at the last hurdle. You just hope that obviously those that are going for their first experience have a brilliant one."

She said athletes will be wanting time to stand still while the public begin the countdown.

She said: "The biggest thing at this time is selection, even though we are thinking about 40 days time and the opening ceremony most are thinking about staying injury free, the here and now, this weekend

and next weekend not a couple of months time. They are glad they've got that amount of time left."

"For 75 per cent it will be in the first time they have taken part in an Olympic Games. You can imagine because it's on home turf there's the excitement and disbelief they are in the team. It's going to be overwhelming as much as it's exciting."

"You're going to have different categories, those overwhelmed and excited, and those who have done many world championships, and those that have been before who just need to contend with the media hype and to remember what they normally do in preparation time."

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PRESSURE: Holmes knows what the athletes are going through

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Brickies lay foundation for youth player development

By Greg Miles

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DANNY Ward is hoping a new strategy with Sittingbourne's academy side will give youngsters a chance to progress.

Last year was the first time the Sittingbourne Academy, run at Sittingbourne Community College, had a side.

And new joint managers Jim and Danny Ward are hoping to make the most of it in their first season by giving youngsters who impress a taster of first team training sessions, and if they are good enough time with Kent league sides.

"We are going to get some of their players integrated into the first team, and get a couple of them to come along to training so they are used to playing at that level, and so we can see what they are like," he said.

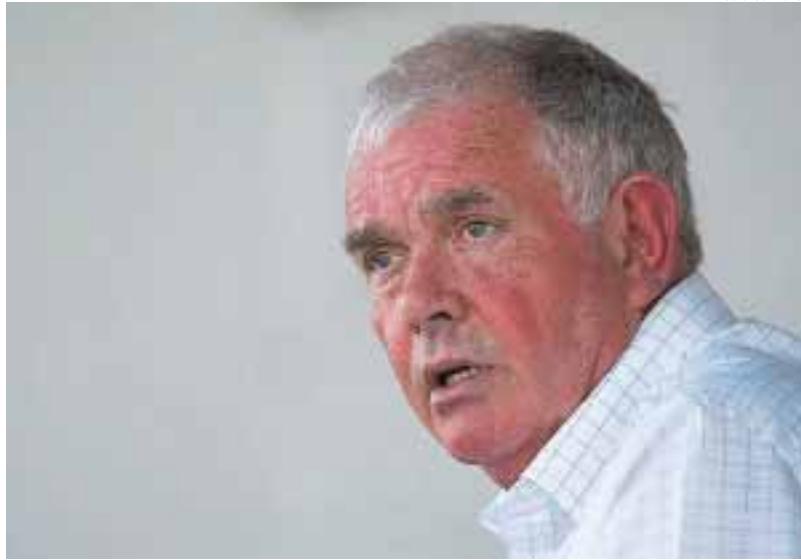
"They only started last year, the start of the season wasn't good, but they ended quite well. They are coming down this week to have a look at the main club."

"It will be down to the players, they will say to the players 'you have to work hard', it will give them an incentive to get on, it's exciting."

"Last year there wasn't any kind of link up with the first team and the academy side, and not having an academy side there's a gap."

"I'm not going to say they will come in and play first team football, they have got to be good enough."

"I have got a lot of contacts in the Kent leagues and so if some of them are good enough we could find a Kent league side to look after them."



YOUTH: Danny Ward, and brother Jim, above, are putting plans in place to protect future of Brickies

Not only will the first team reap the rewards if they can find some talented players, but Danny sees it will restore a feeling of identity and ownership of the club for the young players coming through.

"It's a win-win situation all around," he said.

"If we get a player that comes through the system in the academy they are more likely to want to play for Sittingbourne."

There has been one addition to the Bourne Park squad this week as former Ramsgate player Will Graham joined as a player-coach.

FOOTBALL

Five arrivals just the start for ambitious Lilywhites boss

FAVERSHAM Town boss Ray Turner has promised there are more to follow after the five arrivals this week.

It looks to be a busy few weeks for the Lilywhites boss as he continues to strengthen his side, which could be added to with two Gillingham youngsters on work experience terms for the first few months of the season.

There are also several players with Ryman level experience. Turner is looking at bringing in next week if talks go well.

This week he has brought in midfielders Aaron Lacy, and Wayne Wilson. Lacy joins from Hythe Town while Wilson spent last season at Margate, and is joined by two of his team mates, Aidan Sherlock, and goalkeeper Simon Overland, and finally Antonio Gonella, who can also play across midfield, having spent last season at Folkestone and Bognor Regis.

"We are looking to keep strengthening really, I'm not satisfied with remaining where we are, I want us to be ambitious," he said. "Last year there was very little continuity, and during the

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MORE: Turner wants to strengthen

season we ended up rebuilding the side, and it just didn't work.

"I'm pretty happy with the side we have got, we have got a few people on board."

"I know Mark Patterson at Gillingham, and I'm very grateful to him for doing this. The players will be with us until October, and will be available for Saturday games. It's great to give them an opportunity to play men's football."

"I should have another couple in the next week who have experience at this level."

MOTORSPORT

Shakey happy to cut holes short for Silverstone ride

SHANE Byrne is hoping his trip to Silverstone this weekend will give him the edge over his competition when he visits the circuit later this season in the British Superbike Championship.

Two-time BSB champion Byrne has cut short his holiday in Spain to line up in the new Silverstone 200 support race before the British Grand Prix at the weekend in a move that will enable him to collect valuable data and track experience before the BSB visits the circuit in the penultimate round of the Showdown in September.

He said: "It has been a nice break in Spain since Snetterton but to be honest I am looking forward to cutting the trip short to come back and race at Silverstone this weekend."

"It is an important event for the Rapid Solicitors Kawasaki team as we can use it as a test before we get to the Showdown round there later in the year."

"I love the circuit and always have done, but last year we rocked up and it was the point where I needed to turn my Showdown around after the crash at Donington



PRACTICE: Byrne ahead of the pack

and it just didn't happen.

"The PBM team said we had the chance to do the Silverstone 200 race and I said 'I will be there'. One hundred per cent the extra track time this weekend should help us be in a better position to achieve the results we need when we go back later in the year."

The next round of the BSB series takes place at Knockhill in Scotland on June 22-24.

CRICKET ROUND-UP

Gore Court's blip puts Park on top

GORE Court's early season form hit a blip when they struggled against Linden Park in a 97 run defeat.

Linden Park won the toss and decided to bat, and posted a total of 231 for 7 thanks to Hayden James' 85 and Nasirul Alam's 56 not out.

Hemantha Alles, and Rob Slater were again among the wickets taking three each.

In reply the top order struggled to impose themselves as they lost the top three for 19 runs. Alles shored things up with 50, but they fell short on 134 all out.

In Division Five Bapchild played away at Chislehurst & West Kent and lost by six wickets.

The hosts won the toss and put Bapchild into bat which proved a wise move as they skittled them out for 131.

Matt Lewis (40), and Alex Ward (42), were only the two Bapchild batsmen to make it into double figures.

Chislehurst made short work of the Bapchild bowlers reaching 135-4 in 43 overs.

In Division Four Rodmersham hosted Macknade and won by 53 runs after being put into bat first. Michael Jones top scored on 44, as they reached 181 all out, and in reply Macknade could only muster 128 all out as Dylan Emmett took 4-32.

Minster travelled to Gravesend and won by 49 runs after being put into bat thanks to an impressive all-round display from Virenda Vega who scored 90 runs as they made 232 for 9.

He took 5-40 as Gravesend were bowled out for 183.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES**DIVISION TWO**

	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Linden Park	6	4	0	2	2	92
Gore Court	6	3	0	3	5	76
Bromley Common	6	3	0	4	7	75
Catford and Cyphers	6	3	0	1	6	71
Upchurch	6	2	1	12	10	60
Ashford Town	6	2	0	4	5	57
Gravesend	6	2	0	3	9	56
Hayes	6	1	1	7	10	55
HSBC	6	1	1	6	14	46
Dartford	6	1	0	6	11	41

DIVISION FOUR

Minster (Sheppen)	6	3	0	4	7	79
Nonington	6	4	0	1	1	78
Macknade	6	3	0	3	8	75
Sidcup	6	2	1	7	10	71
Cowdry	6	3	0	4	4	68
Bettesshanger Colliery	6	2	0	0	4	56
Gravesend RF	6	1	1	9	13	52
Rodmersham	6	1	0	7	8	51
Bexley Heath	6	1	1	6	12	48
Rainham	6	1	0	7	11	46

DIVISION FIVE

OD CUACO	6	4	0	0	0	88
Chislehurst & West Kent	6	3	0	0	3	80
Offham	6	4	0	1	2	79
R A C S	6	3	0	2	3	65
Bapchild	6	2	1	6	4	56
Blackheath	6	2	0	5	4	49
Bromley Town	6	1	0	3	6	45
Bickley Park	6	0	1	5	5	40
Deal Victoria & Barns	6	1	0	6	7	37
Wickham Park	6	0	0	5	10	23



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